WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to more than one million volunteers who utilize their time and talents to make a difference in the lives of kids and adults of all ages in communities across the state; and

WHEREAS; volunteers in Wisconsin contribute more than 160 million hours of service annually, the equivalent of \$4.35 billion of labor; and

WHEREAS; volunteers provide a vast array of community service and activities that support the health, safety, and well-being of their fellow Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's communities benefit greatly from services performed by volunteers, and volunteers themselves also reap the rewards of improved skills, better health, and the overall happiness that can come from contributing to their communities; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's volunteers are a vital resource to the infrastructure of many essential programs within aging and disability resource centers, independent living centers, county and Tribal aging units, nonprofit organizations, hospitals, schools, faith-based organizations, and more; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin recognizes and honors all Wisconsinites who selflessly invest in the lives of others as volunteers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 21 through 27 2024 as

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 5th day of April 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State