WHEREAS; the Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time-honored and vital part of local government and election administration, is critical to the endurance and prosperity of the state; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's 1,850 professional municipal clerks and 72 county clerks consistently display courage, flexibility, and resilience and pledge to be faithful and impartial in handling their official duties, upholding transparency and neutrality while rendering equal service to all; and

WHEREAS; among their many vital responsibilities, professional municipal clerks serve as the official record keepers of their respective municipalities, the legislative historian of their community, and the direct link between residents and their government to ensure transparency and communication between the governing bodies and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS; professional municipal clerks also provide essential support in the administration of elections, often preparing ballots, training election officials, tabulating and certifying election results, and dedicating themselves to conducting open, accurate, and fair elections in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; professional municipal clerks continually improve the administration of the responsibilities of their office through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops, focus groups, and annual conferences across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in recognizing and thanking professional municipal clerks for the important work they do for communities across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 4 through 10 2025 as

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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 30th day of April 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State