WHEREAS; emergency medical services (EMS) are a critically important part of emergency care for people and communities across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; access to quality emergency medical care dramatically improves the survival, recovery, and satisfaction of those who experience sudden illness or injury, which is why the state continuously strives to improve the quality of its EMS and trauma care systems and ensure that all Wisconsinites experience the highest standards of care; and

WHEREAS; members of Wisconsin's EMS teams exemplify the very best the state has to offer, often putting their own health and safety on the line to serve others and standing at the ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS; whether paid staff or volunteers, EMS personnel across the state's medical services providers undergo hours of specialized training and ongoing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating EMS providers throughout the state for their knowledge, skills, and selfless dedication to their neighbors and communities and reaffirms its commitment to ensuring EMS professionals and programs have the support and resources necessary to continue providing lifesaving care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 19 through 25 2024 as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 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 3rd day of May 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State