WHEREAS; water is the most valuable and vital natural resource, and the state of Wisconsin is committed to guaranteeing access to clean water across the state and ensuring the health and safety of all those living in and visiting Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Wastewater Monitoring Program provides critical public health information and is a pillar of the state's public health program; and

WHEREAS; the success of this program relies on the dedicated wastewater professionals across Wisconsin to collect and submit wastewater samples for disease monitoring that enables rapid and cost-efficient tracking and evaluation of public health threats; and

WHEREAS; many Wisconsinites are unaware of the critical role that wastewater professionals play in public health response, and the sacrifices they have made on behalf of the state's shared mission of promoting and protecting the health of the people of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, alongside dedicated advocates, organizations, and professionals, in celebrating wastewater professionals for their dedicated service to protecting and promoting the health, safety, and overall well-being of all Wisconsinites;

> NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 22 2025 as

WASTEWATER PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION DAY

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 16th day of May 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State