

WHEREAS; water is the most valuable and vital natural resource, and wastewater professionals ensure the health and safety of all those living in and visiting Wisconsin by helping to uphold the state’s commitment to guaranteeing access to clean, safe water across the state; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Wastewater Monitoring Program tracks and publishes weekly virus levels to help inform actions of health professionals and all Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is a regional leader in wastewater surveillance implementation and coordination, being named one of six Centers of Excellence by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and building collaborative partnerships with academic and utility partners; and

WHEREAS; the success of this program relies on the dedicated wastewater professionals across Wisconsin to collect and send wastewater samples for disease monitoring that enables rapid and cost-efficient tracking 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 2026 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 8th day of May 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State