WHEREAS; Stop the Bleed Day calls attention to the approximately 40 percent of traumarelated deaths worldwide that occur due to bleeding or bleeding complications and seeks to improve the survival rate for individuals suffering from bleeding injuries; and

WHEREAS; on average, it takes three to five minutes for trauma victims to bleed out, underscoring the importance of quick responses and citizen intervention before professional emergency care can arrive; and

WHEREAS; citizens can help trauma victims and improve their chances of surviving by knowing how to effectively control bleeding by compressing, packing, and applying tourniquets to open wounds; and

WHEREAS; in addition to understanding the invaluable role individuals can play, trauma kits equipped with tourniquets, dressings, topical hemostatic agents, and other tools can be created and affixed in public places for use during accidents, mass casualty trauma events, and other ancillary incidents; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated individuals and organizations across the state in recognizing the importance of fast action in emergency situations and taking preventative measures to prevent bleeding-related deaths;

> NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 23 2024 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 3rd day of May 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State