WHEREAS; each year, fraud, errors, and abuse affect millions of Medicare beneficiaries and taxpayers across the country; and

WHEREAS; everyone, including beneficiaries, caregivers, families, professionals, healthcare providers, and community members, plays a valuable role in the fight against fraud, and increased awareness can save beneficiaries time, money, and hassle; and

WHEREAS; programs and resources exist to protect and inform Medicare beneficiaries in Wisconsin, such as Senior Medicare Patrol, a statewide program that empowers and assists beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report healthcare fraud, errors, and abuse; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' State Health Insurance Assistance Program is another service available to Medicare members and caregivers that provides unbiased resources and confidential guidance that can help prevent Medicare errors and fraud; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins local, state, and federal partners in encouraging all Wisconsinites to be aware of Medicare fraud and utilize available statewide resources as necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 3 through 9 2024 as

MEDICARE FRAUD PREVENTION 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 24th day of May 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State