STATE of WISCONSIN



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WHEREAS; forensic science can be defined as the application of scientific principles, methods, and techniques to matters aiding the pursuit of truth in the criminal justice system, especially the collection, examination, and analysis of physical evidence; and

WHEREAS; Forensic Science Week aims to recognize the critical role of forensic science in the modern criminal justice system and the skill and dedication exhibited by forensic science professionals nationwide; and

WHEREAS; established in 1947, the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratories currently employs more than 180 forensic scientists, laboratory technicians, and management staff, and over the past 75 years, many preeminent forensic scientists and staff have made use of the state's exceptional facilities; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to three state crime laboratories that are staffed by highly educated and well-trained professionals and collectively house a broad range of accredited and diverse forensic science services; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in recognizing the efforts of the professionals who work tirelessly in the state's crime laboratories to provide the criminal justice system with unbiased, quality forensic science;

> NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 15 – 21, 2024, as

FORENSIC SCIENCE WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

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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 29th day of August 2024.

GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLE Secretary of State