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; the study of forensic science and the skill and dedication exhibited by forensic science professionals nationwide play a critical role in the modern criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS; established in 1947, the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratories has grown to employ more than 190 forensic scientists, laboratory technicians, and management staff, all of whom carry out essential tasks with the goal of providing the state's criminal justice system with impartial and high-quality forensic science, and over the years, many pre-eminent 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, from toxicology to forensic imaging and video analysis to DNA analysis and more; 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 20 through 26 2026 as

NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE 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 16th day of September 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State