WHEREAS; the design and construction industry is a major economic driver in Wisconsin, and architects are highly skilled, licensed professionals responsible for monitoring, planning, and organizing building teams and blueprints in the construction industry; and

WHEREAS; from housing and recreation to commercial use, development, and more, architecture is fundamental to the well-being and success of society as it shapes the physical environment and provides cultural and historic identity to communities; and

WHEREAS; the success of the developed world is contingent upon the built environment's ability to be resilient and withstand climate change and on the decisions that architects, designers, engineers, public and private stakeholders, and the construction industry make daily; and

WHEREAS; the architecture profession is ever expanding, and organizations and firms are dedicated to increasing access to business, training, and educational opportunities to underrepresented communities to increase opportunities for architects and designers of color; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the American Institute of Architects, firms, and organizations across the state in recognizing and appreciating the architecture and design community and thanking them for their contributions to the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

## **ARCHITECTURE AWARENESS MONTH**

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 22nd day of September 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State