WHEREAS; physical therapists, assistants, and students serve individuals of all ages across Wisconsin and in a variety of settings, including hospitals, veterans facilities, clinics, nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, schools, athletic settings, and homes; and

WHEREAS; physical therapy professionals commonly work with individuals who are athletes or are active in their daily lives, as well as patients who have sustained physical trauma, undergone surgery, or are experiencing chronic pain, helping them to achieve and maintain fitness, health, and overall wellness and to recover from injuries; and

WHEREAS; physical therapists treat a broad range of ailments, including common conditions, such as back pain, carpal tunnel syndrome, concussions, or spinal cord injuries, and chronic conditions, including, but not limited to, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, and muscular dystrophy; and

WHEREAS; physical therapists, assistants, and students have also played a vital role in rehabilitating members of the nation's armed forces and veterans with injuries, diseases, and disabilities; and

WHEREAS; other important services provided by professionals in this field include addressing and reducing pain for individuals who might otherwise rely on opioids or other pain medications that could result in ongoing reliance or challenges with substance use; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in thanking the physical therapists, assistants, and students who work every day to help Wisconsinites across the state stay healthy, active, independent, and pain-free;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 2026 as

NATIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY 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 5th day of October 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State