WHEREAS; AAPC defines medical coding as "the transformation of healthcare diagnoses, procedures, medical services, and equipment into universal alphanumeric codes"; and

WHEREAS; medical coders process high volumes of intricate cases every hour, translating diagnostic data and advanced technical medical language into data that healthcare providers can use to inform patient care; and

WHEREAS; professional medical coders work tirelessly to improve patient safety, ensure quality patient care, and maintain ethical coding of medical claims; and

WHEREAS; the work of medical coders tells the story of each patient with speed and efficiency, helping to support the healthcare delivery system as a whole; and

WHEREAS; in addition to adhering to a strict ethical standard and employing a keen attention to detail, medical coders are required to continuously educate themselves on ever-changing coding updates, federal regulations, and newly mandated initiatives; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin commends all medical coders for the important work they do every day to support healthcare providers, institutions, and patients across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 3 2023 as

MEDICAL CODERS DAY

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

| | ave hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 22nd day of September |
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| TONY EVERS, Governor | |
| By the Governor: | |
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| SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary | of State |