WHEREAS; physician assistants contribute to the well-being and quality of life of all Wisconsinites by playing an essential role in the delivery of quality, accessible, and patient-centered healthcare services across the state; and

WHEREAS; as trained medical professionals, physician assistants diagnose illnesses, develop, and manage treatment plans for their patients, and can even serve as their patients' principal healthcare providers; and

WHEREAS; physician assistants are often the first point of contact for patients, tasked with helping them understand their medical needs and empowering them to become effective advocates for their own health; and

WHEREAS; as valuable assets to medical teams across Wisconsin, physician assistants provide critical healthcare services to patients, often in rural and otherwise medically underserved areas; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin thanks all physician assistants serving communities throughout the state for their many contributions to patients' lives and their dedication and commitment to providing effective and efficient team-based healthcare services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 6 through 12 2023 as

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

| IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I ha of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done a 2023. | •        |  |
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| TONY EVERS, Governor  |          |  |
| By the Governor:  |          |  |
| SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary  | of State |  |