WHEREAS; school boards are locally elected bodies that serve over 400 public school districts and communities across the state with the mission of preparing students for success in higher education, future jobs and careers, and productive engagement in their communities; and

WHEREAS; school board members are elected to serve students, district employees, and the larger community, working closely with parents, taxpayers, educational professionals, and other community members to do what's best for kids and adapt to the evolving needs of their districts; and

WHEREAS; school boards are empowered and charged with overseeing the education of students enrolled in their district, as well as their district's employees, finances, operations, and facilities; and

WHEREAS; school board service is an honor that carries a significant responsibility, and in moments of need, school board members often go beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin commends school boards across the state for the important role they play as advocates for public education and as essential partners in the state's efforts to ensure that every kid in Wisconsin has access to high-quality public education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 6 through 12 2024 as

SCHOOL BOARD 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 27th day of September 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State