

WHEREAS; every year, the Wisconsin Association for Legal Professionals (WALP) and the National Association for Legal Support Professionals (NALS) celebrates Court Observance Week; and

WHEREAS; this week provides an opportunity for all Wisconsinites to recognize the legal support staff who, along with Wisconsin’s judges and lawyers, are charged with working to ensure the fair administration of justice in the state; and

WHEREAS; providing vital administration and technical assistance to courts, governments, businesses, and private law firms alike, justice systems at every level depend on the expertise of legal support staff; and

WHEREAS; the theme of this year’s Court Observance Week, “From Della Street to Donna Paulsen: Managing Legal Client Expectations in a Pop Culture World,” aims to recognize and examine the challenges faced by legal professionals following an influx of crime television shows and a growing inaccurate public perception of the legal system; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins WALP and NALS in honoring legal support staff across the state for their proficiency and professionalism and in encouraging all Wisconsinites to learn more about the functions of the judicial system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 8 through 14 2023 as

COURT OBSERVANCE 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 6th day of October 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State