WHEREAS; asexuality, often referred to as "ace," is a broad term that refers to a sexual orientation characterized by little or no sexual attraction to anyone of any gender; and

WHEREAS; asexuality is often unknown and misunderstood among the public, meaning that many asexual individuals may feel confused and alone; and

WHEREAS; learning about the diverse experiences of those within the asexual community can be a positive, life-changing experience for individuals who are exploring or questioning their sexuality; and

WHEREAS; like many other gender and sexual identities represented within the LGBTQ community, asexuality is a spectrum, and each person has a unique experience; and

WHEREAS; every year, the goal of Ace Week is to promote the education and understanding of asexuality so that ace individuals feel more seen and accepted in society and more comfortable expressing their identity; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the LGBTQ community and allies across the state in celebrating diverse ace identities and reminds every Wisconsinite that they deserve to stand boldly in their truth without fear of persecution, judgment, or discrimination;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 20 through 26 2024 as

ACE 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 4th day of October 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State