WHEREAS; paralegals across Wisconsin play a vital role in delivering legal services to the public for law firms, private corporations, banks, insurance companies, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies; and

WHEREAS; the paralegal profession requires extensive knowledge of the law and legal procedures, exemplary organizational skills, and the ability to adapt and perform a wide range of tasks to assist with legal work; and

WHEREAS; there are nearly 5,000 people employed as paralegals and legal assistants in the state of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; the State Bar of Wisconsin has a paralegal certification program that acknowledges paralegals for their experience, commitment to continuing education, and vital role in the legal profession; and

WHEREAS; the American Bar Association has approved seven paralegal education programs across the state of Wisconsin in Cleveland, Eau Claire, Green Bay, La Crosse, Wausau, Madison, and Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all paralegals, firms, and public institutions in recognizing the important services paralegals provide to the state and thanking paralegals for their exceptional work;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 23 2024 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 have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State

| of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done 2024. | e at the Cap | itol in the Cit | y of Madison thi | s 18th day of Oo | ctober |
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| TONY EVERS, Governor                   |              |                 |                  |                  |        |
| By the Governor:                       |              |                 |                  |                  |        |
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| SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretar              | y of State   |                 |                  |                  |        |