WHEREAS; first responders—including nurses, paramedics, emergency medical services providers, firefighters, law enforcement, 911 dispatchers, search and rescue, medical personnel, and other professionals in the public safety sector—are the first line of defense for the public against illness, injury, and other threats to health, safety, and well-being; and

WHEREAS; first responders across the state make many sacrifices and often jeopardize their own safety, as well as their mental and physical health, to serve their fellow Wisconsinites 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS; it is important to recognize that, for years, local public safety programs across the state have been asked to do more with less, which is why the state of Wisconsin has been proud to make historic investments to provide first responders with the tools and resources they require to meet the needs of their communities and continue their life-saving work; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites, along with dedicated advocates and organizations, in recognizing first responders in the state and across the nation for their service, sacrifice, and dedication to the communities they serve;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 28 2026 as

NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS DAY

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 16th day of September 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State