WHEREAS; nurse practitioners serve as trusted healthcare providers, providing high-quality primary, acute, and specialty care services, all while focusing on health promotion, disease prevention, health education, and counseling; and

WHEREAS; nurse practitioners work to address disparities within the healthcare system to improve health outcomes in underserved communities; and

WHEREAS; the confidence that patients have in the services that nurse practitioners provide is evidenced by the more than one billion visits made annually to nurse practitioners across the country, according to the American Association of Nurse Practitioners; and

WHEREAS; building a high-quality, affordable healthcare system that works for every Wisconsinite remains a top priority of the state, and nurse practitioners play an essential role in actualizing this vision as they go above and beyond to diagnose and treat patients and promote health equity; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin recognizes and honors nurse practitioners across the state for the important work that they do to keep all Wisconsinites safe, healthy, and supported and thanks them for their continued contributions to the state;

> NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 10 through 16 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 at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 18th day of October 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State