WHEREAS; the American Academy of Professional Coders defines medical coding as the transformation of healthcare diagnoses, procedures, medical services, and equipment into universal medical alphanumeric codes; and

WHEREAS; medical coders process high volumes of intricate cases, translating diagnostic data and advanced technical medical language into data that healthcare providers can use to inform patient care; and

WHEREAS; professional medical coders provide invaluable support to physicians, clinics, hospitals, insurance companies, government agencies, healthcare quality initiatives, and patients; and

WHEREAS; professional medical coders work tirelessly to improve patient safety, ensure quality patient care, and maintain ethical coding of medical claims, and work to assign procedural, diagnosis, and supply codes to the highest level of specificity; and

WHEREAS; in addition to adhering to a strict ethical standard and employing a keen attention to detail, medical coders are required to continuously educate themselves on ever-changing coding updates, regulations, and newly mandated initiatives; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin commends all medical coders for the important work they do every day to support healthcare providers, institutions, and patients across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 15 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 25th day of October 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State