WHEREAS; first recognized by faith communities in the United Kingdom in the early 1990s, World Day of Remembrance for Traffic Victims was adopted by the United Nations in 2005 as a day to acknowledge those who have been killed, injured, or adversely impacted by road traffic crashes; and

WHEREAS; World Day of Remembrance for Traffic Victims serves as an opportunity to mourn and remember those killed in roadway crashes and to recognize emergency service professionals, such as law enforcement officers, medical professionals, tow truck operators, and accident responders; and

WHEREAS; according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, nearly 43,000 individuals died in motor vehicle crashes in 2022, and according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, that included an estimated 531 fatalities in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins the survivors of roadway crashes, their families, dedicated roadway safety advocates, and organizations in honoring the memory of road traffic victims and encourages all Wisconsinites to commit to making responsible driving decisions and to do their part to keep the roads safe and achieve zero deaths on Wisconsin roads;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 19 2023 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 16th day of November 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State