WHEREAS; county and other municipal snowplow operators across Wisconsin provide a vital public service, often working long hours in severe weather to help ensure that motorists can travel from point A to point B safely, keeping Wisconsin's economy, workforce, and healthcare and education systems operating throughout the winter season; and

WHEREAS; for over 100 years, a unique partnership between Wisconsin's 72 county highway departments has maintained the state's highway system during winter months, providing snow plowing, salting, and liquid applications; and

WHEREAS; these same counties work with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) year-round to take advantage of shared resources to establish best practices, test new tools, and develop new methods such as salt shed locations, brining techniques, and route optimization; and

WHEREAS; winter maintenance is about public safety, and snowplow drivers across the state work around the clock to clear Wisconsin's state and local roadways to ensure safe driving conditions every winter season; and

WHEREAS; as winter weather is ever-changing and often unpredictable, dedicated snowplow drivers across the state often sacrifice their own personal and family schedules to put the health and safety of their communities first; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins WisDOT in celebrating the important work and ongoing contributions of the state's snowplow drivers and in urging all Wisconsinites to exercise caution when encountering snowplows on the roadway;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 27 2023 as

SNOWPLOW DRIVER APPRECIATION 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 30th day of October 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State