

WHEREAS; osteopathic medicine focuses on the whole person rather than on the symptoms alone, and osteopathic physicians have made significant contributions to the United States healthcare system; and

WHEREAS; according to the American Osteopathic Association, more than 197,000 osteopathic physicians and medical students practice across the nation; and

WHEREAS; osteopathic physicians are dedicated to improving the health of their communities through patient-centered care focused on treating the body, mind, and spirit; and

WHEREAS; osteopathic physicians are trained to see all systems of the body as interconnected and have a deep understanding of how a patient's lifestyle and environment can impact their well-being; and

WHEREAS; according to the American Osteopathic Association, osteopathic physicians account for approximately 11 percent of all physicians in the United States, and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine reports that more than 25 percent of all American medical students choose to practice osteopathic medicine; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins in recognizing 150 years of osteopathic medicine and thanks the osteopathic physicians and medical students who dedicate their careers and lives to bringing quality care to patients and the healthcare industry across the state of Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim December 2024 as

## **OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE MONTH**

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 22nd day of November 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State