WHEREAS; pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy students throughout our state contribute to the well-being and quality of life of all Wisconsinites, working to ensure the efficiency and accessibility of our state’s healthcare delivery system, both during ordinary times and under the extraordinary circumstances of the past year and a half; and

WHEREAS; among the countless important services they provide, pharmacists are responsible for preparing and dispensing prescription medications, providing guidance on the appropriate dosage and use of medications, administering some immunizations, and offering recommendations on overall health and wellness; and

WHEREAS; pharmacists are highly trained professionals who are qualified to work in a variety of settings, from community pharmacies, to labs, to hospitals and clinics; and

WHEREAS; in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, pharmacists throughout Wisconsin have stepped up to meet every unprecedented challenge, acting as public health leaders in their communities, serving as frontline healthcare workers, and offering their training and expertise to support our state’s testing and vaccination infrastructure; and

WHEREAS; we recognize the essential role that pharmacists—including health-system pharmacists, long-term care pharmacists, and retail and community pharmacists—have played, and continue to play, in the efficient and equitable distribution and administration of the COVID-19 vaccine, including through the federal government’s pharmacy distribution program; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in thanking pharmacists across our state for their meaningful work year-round and for their unwavering commitment to the health of folks across our state, especially in the context of the ongoing pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim January 12, 2022, as

NATIONAL PHARMACIST 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 10th day of December 2021.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State