WHEREAS; established on March 1, 1961, the Peace Corps is celebrating its 62nd anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS; since 1961, more than 240,000 Peace Corps volunteers have served in 142 countries, including over 6,400 Wisconsinites who have served since the program's creation, and Wisconsin is proud to have one of the longest and deepest traditions of Peace Corps service in the United States; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's Peace Corps volunteers showcase the best the state has to offer, exemplifying the program's mission to promote world peace by serving the world's communities, promoting empathy and unity, and working together to take on challenges; and

WHEREAS; through its educational leadership in research, outreach, and teaching, the University of Wisconsin–Madison consistently ranks as one of the top recruiting campuses in the United States, with over 3,300 graduates who have put their education and life experience to work as Peace Corps volunteers around the world over the past 62 years; and

WHEREAS; in partnership with people and communities across the globe, the Peace Corps has provided thousands of University of Wisconsin graduates with real-world, cultural and work experiences, and returned volunteers have helped educators in Wisconsin incorporate global learning focused on cultural sensitivity and global competency in their classrooms; and

WHEREAS; the Peace Corps serves as a shining example of excellence in university-government collaboration, fostering agricultural, business, educational, environmental, economic, community health, and youth development around the world; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins the University of Wisconsin–Madison and all Wisconsinites who have served in the Peace Corps in celebrating the Peace Corps' 62nd anniversary and wishing the program many more years of success in Wisconsin and beyond;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim February 26 through March 4 2023 as

PEACE CORPS WEEK

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 2023.	at the Cap	oitol in the	City of M	ladison this	3rd day	of February
TONY EVERS, Governor						
By the Governor:						
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secr	etary of St	ate				