WHEREAS; AmeriCorps provides service opportunities for more than 75,000 Americans at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups across our country; and

WHEREAS; AmeriCorps enriches the lives of its members, fostering habits that develop engaged citizens who are active participants in civic matters long after their service terms are completed; and

WHEREAS; since AmeriCorps was founded in 1993, more than 28,000 AmeriCorps members in Wisconsin have served more than 43 million hours, and Wisconsin AmeriCorps members have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$109.7 million, with the University of Wisconsin System placing in the top ten universities with students receiving these payments nationwide; and

WHEREAS; more than 1,200 AmeriCorps members over the past year have helped to meet local needs at over 350 locations throughout Wisconsin by tutoring or mentoring kids, combatting the opioid epidemic, providing programming for people with disabilities, helping individuals experiencing homelessness and runaway youth, restoring the environment, helping people lead healthier lives, enhancing the work of nonprofit organizations, promoting economic opportunity, and responding to disasters; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin AmeriCorps members have served over 500,000 hours since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, providing invaluable service to local communities and individuals throughout our state; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin recognizes the dedication and commitment of the more than one million Americans who have chosen to serve our country through AmeriCorps and their community partners, and encourages folks across our state and country to follow their footsteps in service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 7 through 13, 2021, as

AMERICORPS 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 at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 3rd day of March 2021.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State