WHEREAS; AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors provide service opportunities for over 250,000 Americans at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups across the country every year; and

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

WHEREAS; since AmeriCorps was founded in 1993, more than 30,000 AmeriCorps members in Wisconsin have served over 45 million hours, and Wisconsin AmeriCorps members have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$117.3 million, with the University of Wisconsin System placing in the top ten universities with students receiving these payments nationwide; and

WHEREAS; over the past year, more than 1,100 AmeriCorps members and 6,800 AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers have helped to meet local needs at over 900 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 serving in numerous other ways to assist Wisconsinites; 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 through AmeriCorps and its community partners and encourages people across the state and country to follow their footsteps in service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 12 through 18 2023 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 24th day of February 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State