WHEREAS; the Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in combat across all branches of the United States military; and

WHEREAS; following legislation passed by Congress and signed by President Abraham Lincoln, the first six Medals of Honor were awarded on March 25, 1863; and

WHEREAS; in the 160 years since the Medal of Honor was created, fewer than four thousand individuals—including more than 60 Wisconsinites—have received this prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin honors all recipients of the Medal of Honor for their service, sacrifice, bravery, and heroism in combat;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 25 2023 as

NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR 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 24th day of February 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State