Whereas, according to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) database, which is used nationwide by medical examiners, coroners, law enforcement officials and the public to identify and locate missing persons, 600,000 individuals go missing in the United States every year; and

Whereas, there are 169 missing persons and 47 unidentified persons from Wisconsin; and

Whereas, according to the FBI’s National Crime Information Center (NCIC), as of the end of 2019, there were a total of 87,438 active missing persons records; and

Whereas, Wisconsin Missing Persons Advocacy Inc. is a nonprofit that raises awareness and supports affected families by working with law enforcement and search and rescue agencies to advocate for missing persons and their families; and

Whereas, many families and friends of missing people never give up hope that their loved one will someday be found, and rely on the help of local organizations, the public, and the media to locate them;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as

STATEWIDE MISSING PERSONS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of 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 19th day of March 2020.

[Signature]

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

[Signature]

DOUGLAS L. WELCH
Secretary of State