WHEREAS; investing in, protecting, and supporting public health, expanding access to healthcare, and relying on science to make informed policy decisions is essential to the health and well-being of all Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; every Wisconsinite deserves an equitable opportunity to be healthy, regardless of who they are, where they live, or their life, income, or health circumstances, and Wisconsin's public health professionals are committed to ensuring and expanding access to quality healthcare and the conditions necessary for good health; and

WHEREAS; public health professionals support communities across the state in preventing, preparing for, withstanding, and recovering from the impact of a full range of threats to public health, including disease outbreaks and pandemics, natural disasters, and climate concerns; and

WHEREAS; the services provided by Wisconsin's public health institutions include vaccinations, child health programs, lead abatement, vital health statistics and records, and so much more; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's public health infrastructure plays an important role in addressing the social, economic, and environmental determinants of health, from access to housing, employment, transportation, nutritious food, education, and healthcare to community connectivity and other elements of the natural and built environments that can affect a person's health status and result in health disparities across different populations; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, local and Tribal health departments, hospitals, laboratories, and other public health-oriented agencies and organizations throughout the state in emphasizing the importance of public health as a field and in thanking all public health heroes for their selfless and dedicated service to all Wisconsinites;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 3 through 9 2023 as

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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 24 <sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.
TONY EVERS, Governor
By the Governor:
SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State