WHEREAS; emergencies can occur at any time, requiring the prompt response of police, fire, or emergency medical services, which are critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS; the safety of our police officers, firefighters, medical professionals, and those they serve is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of the information obtained by public safety telecommunicators; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's public safety telecommunicators serve as a vital link for our police officers, firefighters, and paramedics, and they are often the first and most critical contact that Wisconsinites have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS; as knowledgeable and skilled professionals who are tasked with obtaining information, making critical decisions, and quickly dispatching needed assistance, it is essential to recognize that our public safety telecommunicators are more than anonymous voices on the telephone line; and

WHEREAS; through their commitment to public safety and dedication to their profession, public safety telecommunicators in Wisconsin have contributed substantially to the health and safety of folks across our state; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in honoring our public safety telecommunicators for their compassion, understanding, diligence, and professionalism during the course of their work assisting those in need of emergency services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 10-16, 2022, 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 11th day of April 2022.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State