

WHEREAS; according to the American Osteopathic Association, more than 178,000 doctors of osteopathic medicine (DOs) and osteopathic medical students currently practice in the United States, representing every medical field and specialty and bringing a distinctive, whole-person approach to the country's healthcare delivery system; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's 1,812 osteopathic physicians are dedicated to improving the health of their communities through patient-centered care focused on treating the body, mind, and spirit; and

WHEREAS; DOs are trained to see all systems of the body as interconnected and have a deep understanding of how a patient's lifestyle and environment can impact their well-being; and

WHEREAS; according to the American Osteopathic Association, DOs account for approximately 11 percent of all physicians in the United States, and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine reports that more than 25 percent of all American medical students choose to practice osteopathic medicine; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons in recognizing the value DOs and osteopathic medical students bring to patients and the country's healthcare system as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 17 – 23, 2023, as

NATIONAL OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE 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 7th day of April 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State