WHEREAS; since its incorporation into U.S. Code in 1958, National Loyalty Day has been observed throughout our country as a day for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom; and

WHEREAS; National Loyalty Day presents the opportunity to honor our ideals and the brave individuals who have endangered or given their lives to preserve them; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin pays tribute to those who have sacrificed to uphold the values we share, whether their battlefields are military combat zones or our nation’s statehouses, courtrooms, city buses, streets, or lunch counters; and

WHEREAS; especially in times of great division, we are reminded there is more that unites us than divides us, and that we must not fear our diversity or our differences, which make us better people and better citizens; and

WHEREAS; as we honor National Loyalty Day, we recognize the responsibility we share in striving to attain our country’s full potential and the work we have yet to do to ensure the full freedom and equality under the law; and

WHEREAS; this occasion presents an opportunity to reflect on the unity of our cause to create a more just, equitable, and inclusive country; and

WHEREAS; on this day and each day, we must be resolved in our determination to work toward a freer, fairer future and to create a legacy worthy of those who will come after us;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2020, as

NATIONAL LOYALTY 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 15th day of April 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State