

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's 90,000 registered nurses constitute our state's largest healthcare profession; and

WHEREAS; the safe, cost-effective, and high-quality healthcare services provided by our registered nursing workforce is an increasingly important asset in supporting access to Wisconsin's healthcare delivery system; and

WHEREAS; as life expectancy increases, life-sustaining technologies advance, and home healthcare and telehealth services expand, our professional nurses consistently adapt to the different and emerging healthcare needs of Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; this year's celebration of National Nurses Month comes at a time of unprecedented public health challenges, which have only highlighted the importance of our nurses to our state, our country, and folks across the world; and

WHEREAS; our registered nurses are indispensable to the health, safety, and quality of care of hospitalized patients, as illustrated by their incredible response to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's registered nurses are meeting the challenge of COVID-19 by trusting science, drawing on their own knowledge and expertise, and demonstrating compassion and respect for every patient, family member, and coworker; and

WHEREAS; nurses continue to demonstrate profound resilience in the face of adversity in their workplace and in our world, as they work around the clock to stop the spread of COVID-19 and restore the health and safety of our state; and

WHEREAS; this National Nurses Month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in commending our nurses for their selflessness, sacrifice, and empathy on the frontlines of this unprecedented situation, and for the important work that they do year-round to keep us all safe, healthy, and supported;

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

## **NATIONAL NURSES MONTH**

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State