STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's nurses constitute our state's largest healthcare profession; and

WHEREAS; the safe, cost-effective, and high-quality healthcare services provided by our 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 nurses consistently adapt to the different and emerging healthcare needs of Wisconsinites in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that a renewed emphasis on team delivered primary healthcare that supports preventive care will require better utilization of the full spectrum of Wisconsin's nursing resources, from certified nursing assistants and licensed practical nurses to registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses; and

WHEREAS; we also recognize that more nurses are needed in the future to meet the increasingly culturally diverse and complex healthcare needs of Wisconsinites, and that qualified nurse faculty are needed to educate and prepare our state's competent nursing workforce; 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 nurses to our state, our country, and folks across the world; and

WHEREAS; the theme of this year's National Nurses Month, "You Make a Difference," highlights the unparalleled impact of nurses on the health, safety, and quality of care of patients, as illustrated by their incredible response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's nurses continue to demonstrate compassion and respect for every patient, family member, and coworker, and profound resilience in the face of adversity as they continue to work around the clock to stop the spread of COVID-19 and restore the health and safety of our state; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in commending all nurses across our healthcare system—including primary care, long-term care, and public health nurses and nursing assistants—for their selflessness, sacrifice, and empathy on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, and for the important work that they do under ordinary circumstances to keep folks throughout our state safe, healthy, and supported;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 2021 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 28th day of April 2021.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State