WHEREAS; the time-honored role that professional municipal clerks play in local government and election administration is critical to the endurance and prosperity of our state; and

WHEREAS; our state’s 1,854 professional municipal clerks strive to always be impartial in handling their official duties, guided by the overarching goal of providing equal treatment to all Wisconsinites, regardless of political affiliation; and

WHEREAS; among numerous vital responsibilities, professional municipal clerks serve as the official record keepers of their respective municipalities and are tasked with ensuring transparency and communication between the governing bodies they represent and the folks they serve; and

WHEREAS; professional municipal clerks provide essential support in the administration of elections, often preparing ballots, training election officials, and tabulating and certifying election results; and

WHEREAS; even in the face of unprecedented challenges to election administration, including the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and recent attempts to call the security, integrity, and character of our elections into question, our professional municipal clerks have never failed to display courage, flexibility, resilience, and dedication to the doctrine of free and fair elections; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in appreciating and thanking our professional municipal clerks for the important work they do for communities across our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 1 through 7, 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 March 2022.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State