

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin's licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses constitute the largest healthcare profession in the state; and

*WHEREAS*; the safe, cost-effective, and high-quality healthcare services provided by Wisconsin's nursing workforce is an increasingly important asset to the state's healthcare delivery system, as professional nursing is an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients, non-hospitalized patients, and recipients of public health nursing services; and

*WHEREAS*; as life expectancy increases, life-sustaining technologies advance, and home healthcare and telehealth services expand, the demand for nursing services is only increasing; and

*WHEREAS*; while the depth and breadth of the nursing profession continues to adapt and meet the different and emerging healthcare needs of Wisconsinites in a wide range of settings, including on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic, expanding access to primary and preventive care in Wisconsin will require better utilization of the full spectrum of the state's nursing resources; and

*WHEREAS*; more nurses, as well as qualified nurse faculty, are needed now and in the future in order to address increasingly diverse and complex healthcare needs and to educate and prepare a competent nursing workforce for generations to come; and

*WHEREAS*; the theme of this year's National Nurses Month, "You Make a Difference," honors the many different roles that nurses play in the state's communities and highlights their unparalleled impact on the health, safety, and quality of care of all patients; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in commending nurses across the state—including primary care, long-term care, and public health nurses and nursing assistants—for their selflessness, sacrifice, and empathy, both under ordinary circumstances and the extraordinary circumstances of the past few years;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 2023 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2023.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State