WHEREAS; each day, employees in our federal, state, county, and local governments strive to perform their jobs with integrity, competence, and professionalism, demonstrating a deep commitment to their communities and to the folks they serve; and

WHEREAS; our public servants, including teachers, public safety officers, scientists, social workers, doctors, emergency management officers, veteran service providers, and countless other professionals, are dedicated to providing critical services to our communities; and

WHEREAS; the work of our public servants affects the lives of folks in every corner of our state, and is vital to making every level of government more responsive and effective in meeting the needs of all Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; millions of Wisconsinites benefit from public services each and every day, both under ordinary circumstances and in times of unprecedented disruption; and

WHEREAS; our public servants are playing an invaluable role in administering our state’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic and helping the people of our state who need assistance, offering countless hours of hard work, and sometimes even risking their lives, to support folks across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; every state employee and public servant should enjoy our respect and gratitude for doing the important work of serving the people of our state; and

WHEREAS; this Public Service Recognition Week and State Employee Appreciation Day, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in affirming that the work of state employees and all public servants is valued, respected, and essential to the prosperity of our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 3 through 9, 2020, as

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK

and May 6, 2020, as

STATE EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION 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 22nd day of April 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State