WHEREAS; parents and loved ones deserve to feel confident that our kids will be safe, supported, and cared for while in our schools; and

WHEREAS; every kid should have access to a high-quality, public education, which means ensuring they have the physical and mental health support they need, especially as students today face increasingly complex and life-threatening health problems requiring care in school; and

WHEREAS; school nurses have served a critical role in improving public health and advancing the well-being, academic success, and life-long achievements of all students for more than a century; and

WHEREAS; when it is safe for our kids to return to school, school nurses will play a critical role in addressing the unexpected stress on health and well-being that the COVID-19 pandemic has presented to our kids and families; and

WHEREAS; school nurses are trained to address the many home and community factors that can affect the health of the students they care for, providing a critical safety net for our state and our country’s kids; and

WHEREAS; school nurses understand the link between health and learning, and act as a liaison to the school community, families, and healthcare providers by promoting wellness and improving health outcomes for kids across our country; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin celebrates school nurses throughout our state and throughout our country for the positive difference they make in the lives of school kids every day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2020, as

NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE 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 21st day of April 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State