WHEREAS; National Skilled Nursing Care Week (NSNCW) recognizes the aging and older adults and people with disabilities who receive care both at home and in skilled nursing care centers across our state, and the dedicated caregivers, nurses, staff, and volunteers who provide that care; and

WHEREAS; the focus of this year’s NSNCW is on the unique insight and wisdom that can be learned from our older friends and family members, and folks with physical and intellectual disabilities, embodied by the theme, “Sharing Our Wisdom”; and

WHEREAS; this week, we are reminded of the importance of being present and celebrating the small moments, and all Wisconsinites are encouraged to call, virtually visit, and spend time participating in virtual activities with loved ones living in our state’s skilled nursing care centers; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin gives special thanks to the caregivers, nurses, staff, and volunteers who work in these care settings for their demonstrated selflessness, sacrifice, and empathy on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, as they confront the virus’ disproportionately harmful effects on older and immunocompromised folks; and

WHEREAS; this National Skilled Nursing Care Week, we renew our commitment to providing all Wisconsinites with quality healthcare, celebrate the important work of skilled nursing care center employees and volunteers, and honor the valuable contributions of the folks they dedicate their lives to supporting;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 10 through 16, 2020, as

NATIONAL SKILLED NURSING CARE WEEK

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 7th day of May 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State