WHEREAS; peripartum cardiomyopathy (PPCM) is a condition that develops in women during pregnancy or in the months following childbirth, and is characterized by the weakness or failure of the heart; and

WHEREAS; despite heart disease being a leading, if not the leading, cause of death in pregnant or postpartum women nationwide, PPCM is often misdiagnosed due to a lack of awareness in the medical community and in the general public; and

WHEREAS; the lack of an early and accurate diagnosis of this condition has potentially deadly consequences for women who develop PPCM; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsinites know that we cannot have healthy communities without healthy women and healthy babies; and

WHEREAS; our state is committed to ensuring quality healthcare for our women and healthy beginnings for our kids, which requires spreading awareness of PPCM; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin stands by survivors of peripartum cardiomyopathy, and joins PPCM advocacy groups in spreading awareness of the condition; and

WHEREAS; Times New Roman;

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

PERIPARTUM CARDIOMYOPATHY AWARENESS 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 23rd day of April 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State