WHEREAS; emergency medical services (EMS) are a vital public service to people and communities across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; access to quality emergency medical care dramatically improves the survival, recovery, and satisfaction of those who experience sudden illness or injury, which is why our state continuously strives to improve the quality of our EMS and trauma care systems and ensure that all Wisconsinites experience the highest standards of care; and

WHEREAS; members of our state’s EMS teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week, both under ordinary circumstances and during times of unprecedented challenges to public health; and

WHEREAS; for more than two years, our state’s EMS providers have served on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic, providing critical support to our healthcare facilities and even serving as the first point of care for many individuals experiencing severe symptoms; and

WHEREAS; whether paid staff or volunteers, EMS personnel—including first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, nurses, and physicians—engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating our EMS providers for their knowledge, skills, and selfless dedication to the health and safety of folks in every corner of our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 15 through 21 2022 as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 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 10th day of May 2022.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State