WHEREAS; more than 30 million children receive emergency medical care each year due to illness or injury; and

WHEREAS; in recognizing that the needs of children are different than the needs of adults in medical emergencies, the state of Wisconsin continuously strives to improve the quality of emergency medical services (EMS) and trauma care systems to ensure that all Wisconsinites, including our youngest, experience the highest standards of emergency care; and

WHEREAS; it is essential that communities across our state be prepared for medical or traumatic emergencies involving children, which includes ensuring that emergency medical personnel are properly trained, ambulances are sufficiently equipped, emergency departments are pediatric-ready, and pediatric treatment protocols and procedures are well-defined; and

WHEREAS; Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC), an initiative of the Children’s Health Alliance of Wisconsin, relies on its established partnership within the EMS community, as well as physicians and nurses who provide pediatric emergency care, to help communities reduce child and youth disability and death due to severe illness or injury; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated advocates and organizations—including EMSC, the tens of thousands of EMS providers and acute care professionals it serves, and the more than 25 professional organizations with which it partners—in raising awareness of the critical importance of delivering quality emergency medical care to children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 18 2022 as

EMS FOR CHILDREN 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 13th day of May 2022.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State