WHEREAS; Necrotizing Fasciitis (NF) is an uncommon clinical disease of the layers of tissue under the skin, often referred to as the “flesh eating bug or virus” in popular media; and

WHEREAS; NF was first described within medical literature in 1883 by French dermatologist Jean Alfred Fournier; and

WHEREAS; the most common causes of NF are the bacteria group A hemolytic, Streptococcus pyogenes, and Staphylococcus aureus, either alone or in combination; and

WHEREAS; NF can occur in folks of all ages, but is commonly associated with surgical procedures and seen in folks with diabetes mellitus, atherosclerotic vascular disease, malignancy, and hypertension; and

WHEREAS; on rare occasions, NF may develop following falls, cuts, tears, or other minor injuries to the skin in otherwise healthy individuals; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that much remains to be done for the treatment of Necrotizing Fasciitis in our state and throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 2020 as NECROTIZING FASCIITIS AWARENESS MONTH and May 31, 2020, as NECROTIZING FASCIITIS AWARENESS 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 4th day of May 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State