WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin celebrates the healthcare professionals and first responders who have assumed the role of family-care ambassadors to residents and patients of long-term care facilities across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; we thank these caring professionals for their demonstrated selflessness, sacrifice, and empathy on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS; we also applaud the residents and patients of long-term care facilities for their resilience as they have faced both the virus’ disproportionally harmful effects on older folks and the isolation from their loved ones that preventative measures require; and

WHEREAS; our state recognizes that aging and older folks – many of whom are our grandparents, our community leaders, and our personal mentors – provide leadership and inspiration, and pave the way for future generations; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin honors folks in care settings across our state and commends the vital role played by the caregivers, nurses, staff, and volunteers who have stepped in to address the mental and physical health challenges of their patients brought about by this public health emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 10, 2020, as GRANDPARENTS AND CAREGIVERS 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 3rd day of June 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State