

WHEREAS; for 44 years, National Nursing Assistants Week has provided folks in Wisconsin and across the United States with the opportunity to honor our hard-working nursing assistants, home care aides, and patient care assistants; and

WHEREAS; our state was one of the first to develop a registry of nursing assistants and, in 2020, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services introduced the Emergency Nurse Aide Training Program, an innovative program designed to quickly bring new student nurse aides into the workforce as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic staffing crisis, and over 10,000 student nursing assistants across our state answered the call; and

WHEREAS; our nursing assistants are highly trained and skilled professionals who frequently collaborate with other healthcare providers to ensure quality care for aging and older Wisconsinites as well as Wisconsinites with disabilities; and

WHEREAS; these caring professionals provide critical hands-on care in nursing homes and other healthcare settings across Wisconsin, along with physical, mental, emotional, and social support for many of our most vulnerable family members, friends, and neighbors; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin gives special thanks to our nursing assistants for their demonstrated selflessness, sacrifice, and empathy, especially over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, and joins all Wisconsinites in recognizing the change they can make in the lives of folks across our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 17 – 24, 2021, as

## **NATIONAL NURSING ASSISTANTS WEEK**

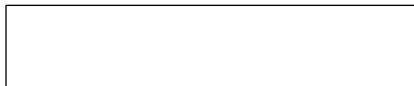
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State