WHEREAS; the Korean War began on June 25, 1950, following North Korea’s invasion of South Korea, and ended in a ceasefire, marked by the signing of an armistice, on July 27, 1953; and

WHEREAS; approximately 132,000 Wisconsinites were among the 1.7 million members of the United States Armed Forces who endured harsh combat and severe climatic conditions over the course of the war; and

WHEREAS; at least 34,000 U.S. service members, including 729 from Wisconsin, gave their lives on behalf of our nation during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS; there are about 24,000 living Wisconsin veterans of the Korean War, whose selfless service and sacrifice is worthy of commendation; and

WHEREAS; our state has a long and proud tradition of acknowledging, commemorating, and affirming the role of Wisconsinites in our country’s military to ensure that their duty, honor, and selflessness shall not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS; this occasion provides an opportunity for all Wisconsinites and all Americans to thank our Korean War veterans for their bravery, service, and sacrifice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim July 27, 2020, as

KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE 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 2nd day of July 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State