WHEREAS; substance use disorders affect all Wisconsin communities, and improving overall health and wellness remains a priority for our state; and

WHEREAS; access to support services is a vital and lifesaving part of substance use recovery, yet these services often remain stigmatized and inaccessible for many; and

WHEREAS; Mobilize Recovery is an initiative to expand policies that support recovery by creating connections to supportive services, engaging individuals in community action, bringing together advocates with lived experience, and representing authentic recovery voices in its efforts; and

WHEREAS; community organizations, support networks, and initiatives that are led by those in recovery and their allies, such as Mobilize Recovery, aid in altering public and professional attitudes toward recovery, promoting recovery-focused policies and programs, and supporting efforts to break intergenerational cycles of addiction and related issues; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins Mobilize Recovery in acknowledging the importance of listening to and incorporating the voices of affected individuals when discussing substance use disorder and recovery, and in commending all those who are on their path to healing through recovery;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 12, 2022 as WISCONSIN MOBILIZE RECOVERY 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 12th day of August 2022.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State