

WHEREAS; Wisconsin’s physical therapists, assistants, and students serve folks across our state in hospitals, veteran’s facilities, clinics, nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, schools, athletic settings, and homes; and

WHEREAS; our state’s physical therapists, assistants, and students deliver services to Wisconsinites of all ages – from infants and children born with special needs to our aging population who may require support to remain active and independent throughout the aging process; and

WHEREAS; physical therapists, assistants, and students commonly work with individuals who are athletes or active in their daily lives, helping them to achieve and maintain fitness, health, and overall wellness; and

WHEREAS; other important services provided by physical therapists, assistants, and students across our state include addressing pain in individuals who might otherwise rely on opioids or other pain medications that could result in addiction or ongoing reliance; and

WHEREAS; our physical therapists, assistants, and students have also historically played a vital role in rehabilitating our service men and women with injuries, diseases, and disabilities since World War I, when therapists first began providing rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS; as we collectively face the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, our state’s physical therapists, assistants, and students have been instrumental in rehabilitating strength and fitness, and addressing neurological and cardio-pulmonary problems in individuals recovering from the virus; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in thanking the physical therapists, assistants, and students working every day to keep folks across our state healthy, active, independent, and pain-free;

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

## **PHYSICAL THERAPY AWARENESS MONTH**

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 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State