

WHEREAS; the vision of the physical therapy profession is to transform society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience; and

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, homes, and more; and

WHEREAS; our state's physical therapists, assistants, and students deliver services to Wisconsinites of all ages, from infants and children to aging and older adults who may require support to remain active and independent throughout the aging process; and

WHEREAS; physical therapists, assistants, and students also 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 and reducing pain in individuals who might otherwise rely on opioids or other pain medications that could result in addiction or ongoing reliance; and

WHEREAS; physical therapists, assistants, and students have clinical expertise in 18 specialty areas, namely acute care, aquatics, cardiovascular and pulmonary, clinical electrophysiology and wound management, education, federal, geriatrics, hand and upper extremity, health policy and administration, home health, neurology, oncology, orthopedics, pediatrics, pelvic health, private practice, research, and sports; and

WHEREAS; as we continue to collectively face the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, our state's physical therapists, assistants, and students continue to be instrumental in treating people who are recovering from the most severe effects of the virus, both during their time in the hospital and after they leave; and

WHEREAS; in 2020, the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)—which is the leading professional membership organization for the profession—launched its Campaign for Future Generations to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts for the association and throughout the physical therapy profession; and

WHEREAS; this month, as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of APTA, 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 2021 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 21st day of September 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State