

WHEREAS; physical therapists, assistants, and students serve people across Wisconsin in a variety of settings, including hospitals, veteran’s facilities, clinics, nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, schools, athletic settings, and homes; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin’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; people in the physical therapy profession 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 recover from injuries; and

WHEREAS; other important services provided by folks in this field include addressing and reducing pain in individuals who might otherwise rely on opioids or other pain medications that could result in ongoing reliance or challenges with substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS; physical therapists, assistants, and students have also historically played a vital role in rehabilitating members of the nation’s armed forces and veterans with injuries, diseases, and disabilities; and


WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in thanking the physical therapists, assistants, and students working every day to help people throughout the state stay healthy, active, independent, and pain-free;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 2022 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State