WHEREAS; medical coding is defined by the American Academy of Professional Coders as "the transformation of healthcare diagnoses, procedures, medical services, and equipment into universal alphanumeric codes"; and

WHEREAS; medical coders process high volumes of intricate medical cases every hour, translating diagnostic data and advanced technical medical language into usable data that healthcare providers can utilize to inform patient care; and

WHEREAS; professional medical coders work tirelessly to improve patient safety, ensure quality patient care, and maintain ethical coding of medical claims; and

WHEREAS; the work of medical coders tells the story of each patient with speed and efficiency, helping to control healthcare costs for patients throughout our state and across our country; and

WHEREAS; in addition to adhering to a strict ethical standard and deploying a keen attention to detail, medical coders are required to continue educating themselves on ever-changing coding updates, federal regulations, and newly-mandated initiatives; and

WHEREAS; this year, for example, medical coders are proudly leading the march in tracking vital data related to the COVID-19 pandemic through adjusting to new clinical codes and new procedure codes for telehealth visits; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin commends all medical coders for the important work they do every day to support healthcare providers, institutions, and patients across out state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 2, 2020, as

MEDICAL CODERS 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 24th day of September 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State