WHEREAS; school boards are locally elected bodies that serve their communities with the mission of preparing students for success in higher education, future jobs and careers, and responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS; school board service is an honor that carries significant responsibility to students, district employees, fellow board members, and the larger community; and

WHEREAS; school boards are empowered and charged with overseeing the education of students enrolled in their district, as well as their district’s employees, finances, operations, and facilities; and

WHEREAS; school board members are elected to represent the interests of both students and taxpayers, and must work closely with parents, educational professionals, and other community members to make the educational vision for their districts a reality; and

WHEREAS; this week, we commend school boards across our state for the important role they play as advocates for public education and as essential partners in our state’s efforts to ensure that every kid in Wisconsin has access to a high-quality, public education, regardless of their ZIP code;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 4 through 10, 2020, as

SCHOOL BOARD WEEK

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 1st day of October 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State