

WHEREAS; every year, in conjunction with its national observance, the Wisconsin Association for Legal Professionals (WALP)—affiliated with the National Association of Legal Secretaries (NALS)—celebrates Court Observance Week; and

WHEREAS; this week provides an opportunity for all Wisconsinites to recognize the legal support staff who, along with our state’s judges and lawyers, are charged with working to ensure the fair administration of justice in our state; and

WHEREAS; providing vital administration and technical assistance to courts, governments, businesses, and private law firms alike, justice systems at every level depend on the expertise of legal support staff; and

WHEREAS; the theme of this year’s Court Observance Week, “The Due Process Pandemic: How Covid Seized the Wheels of Justice,” aims to recognize and examine the challenges that the coronavirus pandemic has presented to the nation’s legal system and explore the role of legal support staff in identifying potential solutions; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins WALP and NALS in honoring legal support staff across the state for their proficiency and professionalism, and in encouraging all Wisconsinites to learn more about the functions of the judicial system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 9 through 15 2022 as

## **COURT OBSERVANCE WEEK**

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2022.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State