

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; our vast and complex systems of justice cannot function without the skills and dedication of our state’s legal support staff, who provide vital administration and technical assistance to our courts, governments, businesses, and private law firms; 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; the theme of this year’s observance is “Dignity Despite Divergence”; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins WALP and NALS in honoring legal support staff across our state for their proficiency and professionalism, and in encouraging all Wisconsinites to visit local courts, observe trials in progress, and learn more about the functions of our local judicial systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 10 through 16, 2021, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State