STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

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, contribute to one of the most vital aspects of our society, charged with working to ensure the fair administration of justice; and

WHEREAS; our vast and complex systems of justice cannot function without the skills and dedication of our state's legal support staff; and

WHEREAS; the theme of this year's observance — "The Intersection between Technology and Tradition" — underscores the vital role that legal support staff play in providing administration and technical assistance to our courts, governments, businesses, and private law firms, which is a need that has only been underscored by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; 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 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 11 – 17, 2020, 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 8th day of October 2020.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State