STATE of WISCONSIN

OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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, enabling providers more information by which to inform patient care; and

WHEREAS: professional medical coders serve as an invaluable support system to healthcare providers, institutions, patients, and initiatives, and work each day to improve patient safety, ensure quality 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 the country; and

WHEREAS: in addition to deploying a strong code of ethics and a keen attention to detail, medical coders are required to continue educating themselves regarding ever-changing coding updates, federal regulations, and newly-mandated initiatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 23, 2019, as

MEDICAL CODERS DAY

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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 6th day of October 2019.

Tony Evers
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
Secretary of State