WHEREAS; pastoral care providers offer emotional, social, and spiritual support to Wisconsinites living in healthcare facilities, nursing homes, and correctional facilities, among others; and

WHEREAS; pastoral care providers encourage the health and well-being of individuals of all identities and backgrounds, regardless of race, gender, income level, ability status, or ZIP code; and

WHEREAS; Pastoral Care Week celebrations across our country honor different themes each year, and the theme for 2021 is “Advancing Spiritual Care Through Research”; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to expanding services that encourage the vitality of our local communities, and thanks pastoral care providers for helping to actualize this vision through their daily work;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 24 through 31, 2021, as

PASTORAL CARE 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 15th day of October 2021.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State