WHEREAS; according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 29 people die in automobile crashes involving an alcohol-impaired motorist each day; and

WHEREAS; intoxicated driving or operating while intoxicated (OWI)—be it by alcohol, over the counter or prescription medications, illicit drugs, or other substances—is a public health threat to communities across our state and can have devastating, life-altering consequences; and

WHEREAS; alcohol and drug-related driving fatalities are preventable, and every Wisconsinite has a role to play in ensuring impaired motorists stay off the road; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to reducing the number of impaired driving-related fatalities in our state, to expanding services to help Wisconsinites with substance use disorders, and to ensuring educators, health departments, and public safety officials have the resources they need to keep our communities safe; and

WHEREAS; with the signing of 2019 Wisconsin Act 106 in February 2020, our state strengthened its impaired driving laws to encourage safe driving habits and keep motorists of all ages in every corner of Wisconsin safe on the roads as they travel from point A to point B; and

WHEREAS; Impaired Driving Prevention Month presents an opportunity for all Wisconsinites to recommit to making responsible driving decisions, to empower the healthy choices of those around them, and to encourage family and friends to do their part to keep our roads safe this holiday season and throughout the new year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim December 2021, as

IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

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 19th day of November 2021.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State