

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin's nurses constitute our state's largest healthcare profession; and

*WHEREAS*; the safe, cost-effective, and high-quality healthcare services provided by our nursing workforce is an increasingly important asset in supporting access to Wisconsin's healthcare delivery system; and

*WHEREAS*; as life expectancy increases, life-sustaining technologies advance, and home healthcare and telehealth services expand, our nurses consistently adapt to the different and emerging healthcare needs of Wisconsinites in a wide range of settings; and

*WHEREAS*; we recognize that a renewed emphasis on team delivered primary healthcare that supports preventive care will require better utilization of the full spectrum of Wisconsin's nursing resources, from certified nursing assistants and licensed practical nurses to registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses; and

*WHEREAS*; we also recognize that more nurses are needed in the future to meet the increasingly culturally diverse and complex healthcare needs of Wisconsinites, and that qualified nurse faculty are needed to educate and prepare our state's competent nursing workforce; and

*WHEREAS*; this year's celebration of National Nurses Month comes at a time of unprecedented public health challenges, which have only highlighted the importance of nurses to our state, our country, and folks across the world; and

*WHEREAS*; the theme of this year's National Nurses Month, "You Make a Difference," highlights the unparalleled impact of nurses on the health, safety, and quality of care of patients, as illustrated by their incredible response to COVID-19; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin's nurses continue to demonstrate compassion and respect for every patient, family member, and coworker, and profound resilience in the face of adversity as they continue to work around the clock to stop the spread of COVID-19 and restore the health and safety of our state; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in commending all nurses across our healthcare system—including primary care, long-term care, and public health nurses and nursing assistants—for their selflessness, sacrifice, and empathy on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, and for the important work that they do under ordinary circumstances to keep folks throughout our state safe, healthy, and supported;

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

## NATIONAL NURSES 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State