STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses are integral to the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients, non-hospitalized patients, and recipients of public health nursing services across the state, representing the largest healthcare profession in the United States; and

WHEREAS; the depth and breadth of the nursing profession continue to expand to meet the different and emerging healthcare needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS; the safe, cost-effective, and high-quality healthcare services provided by Wisconsin's nursing workforce are an important asset to the state's healthcare delivery system, and the demand for nursing is increasing as life expectancy, life-sustaining technologies, and home healthcare and telehealth services expand; and

WHEREAS; in collaboration with local partners, the state of Wisconsin is working to help fill healthcare professional shortages by increasing educational opportunities and accelerating the entry of nursing graduates into the workforce to meet the needs of Wisconsin, especially in rural and at-risk communities; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes the invaluable work and incredible impact nurses make on the health, safety, and quality of care of all patients while recognizing the profound strength, compassion, and impact they bring to the job each and every day; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in commending nurses across the state—including primary care, long-term care, public health nurses, and nursing assistants—for their selflessness, sacrifice, and empathy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 2026 as

NATIONAL NURSES MONTH

and May 6 – 12, 2026, as

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

ughout 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 30th day of April 2026.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State