Relating to: recognizing October 28, 2021, as First Responders Appreciation Day in Wisconsin.

Whereas, October 28, 2021, is recognized nationally as First Responders Appreciation Day; and

Whereas, first responders include all professional and volunteer police, fire, and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel; and

Whereas, first responders risk their safety on a daily basis to protect the public from threats and emergency situations and provide lifesaving services; and

Whereas, first responders stand ready to serve and protect the public 24 hours per day; and

Whereas, there are approximately 4.6 million first responders in the United States serving in disciplines such as law enforcement, emergency management, emergency medical services, fire and rescue, and public works; and
Whereas, in Wisconsin, there are over 9,400 career fire fighters, 13,700 law
enforcement officers, 9,900 career EMS personnel, and 23,000 volunteer fire fighters
and EMS providers; and

Whereas, first responders are vital to ensuring safety and security in our
nation, state, and communities and deserve to be honored and recognized for their
commitment to providing safety and lifesaving services; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin
Legislature recognizes October 28, 2021, as First Responders Appreciation Day.