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LeadingAge Wisconsin Joins Governor Scott Walker in Celebrating Nursing Assistant Week

Madison – LeadingAge Wisconsin would like to thank Governor Scott Walker for honoring Wisconsin’s certified nursing assistants (CNAs) today by proclaiming the week of June 11-17, 2018 as Nursing Assistant Week.

“Across Wisconsin, we have dedicated caregivers and long-term care providers who provide quality, compassionate care to our most vulnerable citizens every day,” said John Sauer, President & CEO of LeadingAge Wisconsin. “We are pleased to join Governor Walker in honoring these hardworking women and men who are the heart and soul of our aging communities”.

Governor Walker, the Department of Health Services (DHS), and the State Legislature are to be commended for their role in helping to address our state’s need for more caregivers and nursing assistants through their state budget initiatives, and such programs as the WisCaregiver Careers Program which is aimed at bringing 3,000 more nursing assistants into the workforce.

“I have had the privilege of serving our state’s long-term care provider members for nearly 30 years, and these members and their employees reflect the essence of what is best in our communities through their concern and commitment to those they care for everyday”, said Sauer. It is with great pride that I am here today with Governor Walker, my fellow Association executives, and our state leaders in giving a much-deserved recognition to our current and future caregivers in the state.

“Our nursing assistants together with other direct care workers perform a job that is both physically and emotionally demanding, and we all benefit from the services these devoted caregivers provide to our family members and friends. I encourage you to join us as we show nursing assistants around the state they have our support and appreciation!”

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LeadingAge Wisconsin is a statewide membership association of not-for-profit organizations principally serving older adults and persons with a disability. In addition, several for-profit organizations subscribe to the services LeadingAge Wisconsin provides. The State’s largest full continuum association, LeadingAge Wisconsin serves 562 long-term care, assisted living, and senior housing facilities and over 300 other community-based providers that provide programs such as Alzheimer’s support, adult day care, home health, hospice, home care, and meals on wheels. LeadingAge Wisconsin members employ over 38,000 individuals who provide compassionate care and service to over 48,000 residents/tenants/clients each day.