## STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; every year, hundreds of women in the United States die due to pregnancy and delivery complications, and despite advances in medical science and technology, maternal mortality rates continue to occur at high levels in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; amniotic fluid embolism (AFE)—a condition in which amniotic fluid enters the bloodstream during childbirth—is a rare, life-threatening complication that, according to Cleveland Clinic, affects approximately one in every 40,000 deliveries in the United States; and

WHEREAS; the cause of AFE remains unknown, and organizations like the AFE Foundation are dedicated to data collection and research surrounding AFE to develop effective treatments for the condition; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin remains committed to ensuring the health and well-being of all mothers and babies and joins all families affected by AFE, as well as dedicated medical professionals, advocates, and organizations across the state and country, in raising awareness of AFE and in supporting research to find an effective treatment to save lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 27, 2024, as

## AMNIOTIC FLUID EMBOLISM AWARENESS DAY

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 23rd day of February 2024.

GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH CODLEWSKI