

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; every Wisconsinite deserves the opportunity to be healthy, regardless of who they are, where they live, their household income, or their health circumstances, and Wisconsin's free and charitable clinics play an important role in ensuring healthcare access for all; and

WHEREAS; according to the National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics, there are over 1,400 free and charitable clinics nationwide which serve approximately 1.7 million patients every year; and

WHEREAS; free and charitable clinics provide a variety of medical, dental, behavioral health, and pharmaceutical services, including preventative care for chronic diseases, and often rely on the support of dedicated volunteers and community donations to serve patients in need; and

WHEREAS; free and charitable clinics continue to prove effective in helping Wisconsinites and individuals across the country overcome barriers to healthcare access—such as geography, income, and insurance status—and reduce overall costs of care by taking important preventative measures to promote patient's overall health and well-being, which can potentially prevent them from needing further medical treatment later on in life; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated individuals, advocates, and organizations across the state in recognizing the importance of free and charitable clinics and the vital contributions they make to support affordable and accessible healthcare for individuals, families, and communities across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 1 – 5, 2024, as

FREE AND CHARITABLE CLINIC WEEK

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 2nd day of April 2024.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State