

WHEREAS; according to the World Health Organization (WHO), infertility is a global health issue that affects approximately one in six people of reproductive age worldwide; and

WHEREAS; defined by the WHO and American Medical Association as a disease, infertility can affect anyone and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital socioeconomic status, or any other identity; and

WHEREAS; all people challenged in their family-building journeys should have access to all family-building options, including medical treatments such as in vitro fertilization and third-party reproduction, yet cost, lack of or inadequate insurance coverage, and discrimination can present barriers for many in accessing the family-building options they need; and

WHEREAS; members of the LGBTQ community, in particular, may face challenges when building their families, including the denial of fertility care and discrimination in the adoption and foster care systems; and

WHEREAS; in recent years, ongoing and pervasive attacks on reproductive healthcare in the United States, including those that threaten providers and patients utilizing in vitro fertilization, further jeopardize the reproductive freedoms and protections of those receiving fertility treatment, and could result in a critical lack of access to affordable, quality care; and

WHEREAS; every Wisconsinite should have the right to consult their family, their faith, and their doctor to make a reproductive healthcare decision that is right for them, and every Wisconsinite should be able to make these deeply personal decisions without interference from politicians who do not know anything about their life circumstances, values, or responsibilities; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated organizations and volunteers, healthcare professionals, and all affected individuals and families in raising awareness of infertility and working to eliminate the stigma that too often surrounds it, along with all other barriers to family-building;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 21 through 27 2024 as

## **NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK**

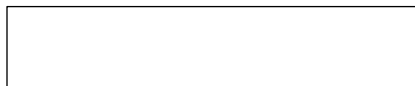
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

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 15th day of April 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State