WHEREAS; Wisconsin residents of all ages, including aging and older adults and individuals with disabilities, deserve to live with dignity, security, independence, and a positive quality of life; and

WHEREAS; aging and disability resource centers are welcoming and accessible places where Wisconsinites can obtain reliable and objective information, advice, and streamlined access to the appropriate services and supports for aging and/or living with a disability; and

WHEREAS; by helping people understand and evaluate the various options available to them, make informed decisions, and find resources in their communities, aging and disability resource centers help people conserve their personal resources, create pathways to health, maintain self-sufficiency, and delay or prevent the need for public assistance and potentially expensive long-term care; and

WHEREAS; in 1998, Wisconsin was the first state to develop aging and disability resource centers, providing the model for a nationwide initiative that began in 2003; and

WHEREAS; in 2025, Wisconsin continues to innovate the state's aging and disability resources, launching a new centralized online aging and disability resource directory for Wisconsin residents at FindMyADRC.org; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals and organizations across the state, including the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, in celebrating aging and disability resource centers and their many contributions to individuals and families across Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER MONTH

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

| | ave hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 25th day of April |
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| TONY EVERS, Governor | |
| By the Governor: | |
| SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary | of State |