

WHEREAS; hospitals in Wisconsin provide accessible, compassionate, and high-quality healthcare services to the state's residents every day of every year, creating opportunities for Wisconsinites to heal from illness or injury and live their best, fullest, and healthiest lives; and

WHEREAS; according to the Wisconsin Hospital Association, Wisconsin's hospitals are among the largest drivers of the state's economy, employing more than 113,000 people and creating \$47 billion of economic impact for the state; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's hospitals lead the way in healthcare quality, ranking in the top four states in the nation for five-star rated hospitals, according to the Overall Hospital Quality Star Ratings from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's hospitals act as a crucial safety net for the communities they serve, and in addition to providing healthcare, they provide nearly \$2 billion worth of community benefits and charity care annually, including uncompensated care and support programs that improve population health in communities across the state; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in thanking and celebrating the contributions made by hospitals throughout the state for their essential role in delivering safe, effective, and efficient healthcare;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 12 through 18 2024 as

NATIONAL HOSPITAL 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 26th day of April 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State