

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's rural communities are core to the state's culture, heritage, and economy, serving as hubs of agriculture, tourism, and manufacturing; and

WHEREAS; cancer profoundly impacts individuals and families throughout the state, and rural communities, in particular, encounter unique challenges, including greater distances and limited access to healthcare, preventative screenings, and early detection in remote and underserved areas; and

WHEREAS; according to the National Institutes of Health, research suggests that rural Americans are more likely to die prematurely from the leading causes of death in the United States, including cancer, underscoring the urgent need to bolster local systems of care; and

WHEREAS; building a high-quality, affordable healthcare system that works for every Wisconsinite remains a top priority of the state, and rural healthcare workers play an essential role in actualizing this vision; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated advocates and organizations in spreading awareness of cancer and its risk factors in rural communities, the importance of early detection, and the critical need to overcome the challenges and barriers rural communities face in accessing quality healthcare and treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 4 2024 as

RURAL CANCER AWARENESS DAY

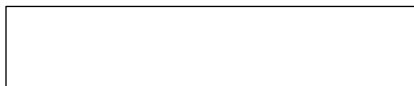
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 20th day of May 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State