

WHEREAS; according to the National Institutes of Health, vitiligo is a chronic autoimmune disorder that causes melanin-producing cells to stop functioning, and as a result, patches of skin to lose their natural pigment or color; and

WHEREAS; it is estimated that vitiligo affects around one percent of the population worldwide, and the condition can develop at any age and in individuals of all genders, races, and ethnicities; and

WHEREAS; vitiligo is not contagious and is not typically physically painful, although the psychological and social effects are well-documented and can be especially devastating to children and people of color; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated individuals and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of vitiligo, providing advocacy and support for affected individuals, and promoting acceptance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 25 2024 as

## **WORLD VITILIGO 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 31st day of May 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State