WHEREAS; according to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, more than 1.6 million people nationwide are either living with or are in remission from one of the three main types of blood cancer—leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma; and

WHEREAS; the American Cancer Society estimates that more than 187,000 Americans, including many Wisconsinites, will be diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma, or myeloma in 2024 and that approximately 57,000 Americans will lose their life to one of these diseases; and

WHEREAS; support for blood cancer patients and their families continues to be of critical importance, and recognizing warning signs—including fever and chills, persistent fatigue, bone and joint pain, unexplained weight loss, swollen lymph nodes, liver, or spleen, and anemia—can be vital to early detection and treatment; and

WHEREAS; treatment for blood cancer varies by type, age, stage, and progression but often may include stem cell transplantation, chemotherapy, and radiation therapy; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins patients, survivors, healthcare professionals, advocates, and dedicated organizations across the state and country in spreading awareness of all blood cancers, supporting research, and embracing hope for improved diagnoses and treatments;

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

BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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 16th day of August 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State