WHEREAS; while a large part of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, only about three percent do, which can result in a lack of sufficient blood supply to treat patients, including those with serious injuries or in need of surgical procedures, and more; and

WHEREAS; one blood donation has the potential to help save the lives of up to three patients, underscoring the importance of constantly replenishing Wisconsin's blood supply through donations and community awareness; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to numerous organizations committed to raising awareness of the importance of blood donation, including the American Red Cross, Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin, and more; and

WHEREAS; today, we are reminded of the Wisconsin values of kindness, respect, empathy, and compassion, which we can all embody through supporting local blood drives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 4 2023 as

WISCONSIN BLOOD DONATION 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 11th day of August 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State