

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR.

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; research shows that vast disparities in health persist across the state and country, and women of color—particularly Black women—are disproportionately affected; and

*WHEREAS*; Black women in Wisconsin and across the United States face an increased risk of heart disease, cancer, stroke, and maternal health complications, among other health challenges, when compared to their white counterparts; and

*WHEREAS*; widespread disparities in health outcomes affecting Black women are not the consequence of individual habits or poor choices but rather centuries of systemic racism, sexism, bias, and discrimination in society and healthcare systems; and

*WHEREAS*; institutional factors at the root of health disparities must be addressed, and increased access to quality, culturally competent care and education in communities of color must be met to improve the health and wellness of Black women statewide; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin commends organizations across the state that are doing important work to address health disparities facing Black women and girls by partnering with their communities to inform and inspire women of color to build and maintain healthy, balanced lives; and

*WHEREAS*; organized by the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness, Black Women's Wellness Day is an annual health summit intended to promote the health and wellness of Black women and girls and to ensure they have the opportunity to make the healthcare choices that are right for them to live healthy, full lives; and


*WHEREAS*; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to investing in Black women's wellness and taking action to make the state a safer, healthier, more equitable, more just, and more empowering environment for Black women, girls, and families;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 28, 2024, as

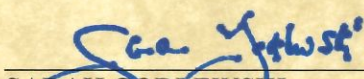
### **BLACK WOMEN'S WELLNESS DAY**

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 10th day  
of September 2024.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State