

WHEREAS; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women in the United States, and metastatic breast cancer, or Stage 4 breast cancer, occurs when breast cancer spreads to other parts of the body, including the bones, lungs, liver, and brain; and

WHEREAS; breast cancer affects all races, socioeconomic classes, and genders, and the CDC estimates that 42,000 women and 500 men die each year from breast cancer; and

WHEREAS; through research and advocacy, advances have been made in the fight against breast cancer, and increased rates of early detection can be achieved through breast ultrasounds, magnetic resonance imaging, and genetic testing for hereditary breast cancer; and

WHEREAS; despite these advances, racial disparities in breast cancer persist, with Black women experiencing a disproportionately high rate of breast cancer mortality, underscoring the need for increased access to quality healthcare and breast cancer awareness in communities of color; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, Wisconsinites are reminded that all people are at a lower risk for breast cancer when they have access to nutritious foods, physical activity, routine health screenings and preventative care, and the resources to live healthy lives; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to building a healthcare system that works for everyone and joins all breast cancer survivors, all those who are battling the disease, their loved ones, and the state’s many dedicated healthcare workers in spreading awareness, committing to public education, and embracing hope for earlier diagnoses and improved treatments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 12 2023 as

METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY

and October 2023 as

BREAST 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 25th day of September 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State