

WHEREAS; according to the World Health Organization, asthma, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) are two of the most common types of chronic respiratory diseases; and

WHEREAS; with asthma affecting an estimated 262 million people and COPD being the third leading cause of death worldwide, the far-reaching effects of these diseases underscore the importance of the work done by respiratory care practitioners; and

WHEREAS; among other responsibilities, respiratory care practitioners manage ventilators in intensive care units, perform cardiopulmonary function tests used to diagnose lung and heart disease, and provide patient education and smoking cessation counseling; and

WHEREAS; this occasion serves as an opportunity to raise public awareness of pulmonary diseases and recognize the dedicated professionals who deliver respiratory care in hospitals, emergency departments, and home care settings across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin celebrates the respiratory care practitioners working throughout the state for their dedication to patient care and their numerous contributions to the well-being of all Wisconsinites;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 22 through 28 2023 as

RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK

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 13th day of October 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State