

WHEREAS; Alzheimer’s disease is a progressive and debilitating condition that causes the deterioration of brain cells and results in the symptoms of dementia, which include memory loss and confusion; and

WHEREAS; according to the Alzheimer’s Association, approximately 120,000 Wisconsinites live with Alzheimer’s disease, and Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia are a leading cause of death for adults 65 years and older in the United States; and

WHEREAS; while Alzheimer’s disease currently has no cure, certain treatments are available that may decelerate the disease’s progression, and leaders in the field of Alzheimer’s disease research are continuously making advances in society’s understanding of the disease and the search for improved treatments and a cure; and

WHEREAS; according to the Alzheimer’s Association, unpaid and family caregivers provided a total of 213 million hours of unpaid care to those with Alzheimer’s disease in 2022; and

WHEREAS; providing care and support for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease can have a profound impact on the physical and mental health of family members, caregivers, friends, and loved ones, and it is essential to recognize that supporting caregivers, including unpaid and family caregivers in Wisconsin, goes hand-in-hand with upholding the health and wellness of all Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; First Lady Kathy Evers has made raising awareness of Alzheimer’s disease and dementia a priority, and in 2019, worked with the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Dane County to designate the Wisconsin Executive Residence as a dementia-friendly space for the first time; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all those who are currently living with Alzheimer’s disease, their loved ones, their caregivers, and dedicated advocates and organizations across the state, including the Wisconsin Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association and the state’s network of ADRCs, in encouraging continued research and in embracing hope for the development of new and innovative approaches to address Alzheimer’s disease and find a cure;

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

ALZHEIMER’S 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 13th day of October 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State