WHEREAS; scientific research and discovery have brought Wisconsinites and people around the world medicine, antibiotics, sanitation, vaccinations, and so many more interventions that have doubled the human lifespan in a little over a century; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin remains committed to promoting the safe use of these advancements—including reducing the potential for antibiotic resistance and decreasing the spread of infections caused by antibiotic-resistant organisms; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Healthcare-Associated Infections Prevention Program continues to work with healthcare providers and prescribers to identify areas for evidence-based improvement and change; and

WHEREAS; research shows that the overprescription and consumption of antibiotics can lead to bacteria that become resistant to the drugs designed to kill them, which in turn threatens the progress made in medicine, healthcare, food production, and more; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins DHS, healthcare professionals, dedicated advocates, researchers, and more in spreading awareness of antibiotic resistance and building a healthier, more resilient Wisconsin for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 18 through 24 2024 as

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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 Star of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 21st day of October 2024.	
TONY EVERS, Governor	
By the Governor:	
SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State	