

WHEREAS; glaucoma refers to a group of eye conditions characterized by damage to the optic nerve which can lead to eye pain and blurred vision, among other symptoms, and even blindness if left untreated or detected too late; and

WHEREAS; glaucoma typically develops when there is elevated pressure in the eye due to fluid buildup, although there are several different types, including open-angle glaucoma, angle-closure glaucoma, and normal-tension glaucoma; and

WHEREAS; glaucoma can develop at any age, but it is most common in people over the age of 60, as well as in people with certain medical conditions, Black, Asian or Hispanic individuals, and people with a family history of the condition; and

WHEREAS; while optic nerve damage and vision loss from glaucoma are irreversible, treatments exist that can lower eye pressure, alleviate symptoms, halt the progression of damage to the optic nerve, and prevent further vision loss and blindness, especially if treated early; and

WHEREAS; often, early signs of glaucoma go unnoticed by affected individuals, which is why screening for glaucoma—in the form of regular comprehensive eye exams—is key to preventing the condition and detecting it in its early stages; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin encourages all Wisconsinites to become familiar with their family eye health history and take the necessary steps to prevent glaucoma and maintain their eye health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim January 2022 as

## **GLAUCOMA 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State