

WHEREAS; the thyroid is a gland in the human body that is responsible for releasing the hormones that control many metabolic activities, such as the speed of your heart rate and the transformation of food into energy; and

WHEREAS; thyroid disease occurs when the thyroid works improperly, generally resulting in either too much or too little hormone being produced, which impacts the body's ability to regulate metabolism; and

WHEREAS; thyroid disease can include goiter, hyperthyroidism, hypothyroidism, thyroid cancer, thyroid nodules, and thyroiditis, among other conditions; and

WHEREAS; approximately 20 million Americans have some form of thyroid condition, and while thyroid disease can affect anyone regardless of gender, race, or age, women—and older women, especially—as well as individuals with a family history of thyroid disease, individuals who have been treated for thyroid conditions in the past, and individuals taking certain medications are at a higher risk; and

WHEREAS; once diagnosed, thyroid disease is often manageable and can be treated with medication, surgery, or other medical procedures; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins medical professionals across our state in raising awareness of the signs and symptoms of thyroid disease and in encouraging all Wisconsinites to recognize the importance of thyroid health;

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

## **NATIONAL THYROID 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State