

WHEREAS; since 1973, Elder Nutrition Programs in Wisconsin have served home-delivered and congregate meals in communities across our state to help ensure all older adults have the opportunity to stay healthy, independent, and connected; and

WHEREAS; according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), more than 63,000 older Wisconsinites face hunger each year and approximately half are at risk for malnutrition; and

WHEREAS; local elder nutrition programs help older adults access healthy meals, nutrition screening, education, counseling, social opportunities, and other resources that encourage well-being; and

WHEREAS; the Elder Nutrition Program is an integral part of Wisconsin's communities, providing nourishment, nutrition, and so much more to the state's older community members, especially those at highest nutrition risk and most vulnerable to social isolation; and

WHEREAS; for 50 years, Wisconsin's Elder Nutrition Program has had a positive impact on the state by assisting older adults and their caregivers in gaining access to nutrition, disease prevention, and health promotion services, providing opportunities for volunteerism, promoting access to nutritious foods and meals—many of which are produced by local farmers or prepared by local restaurants and food providers—and providing older adults with a sense of security, safety, and connection with others in their communities; and

WHEREAS; this year, the state of Wisconsin joins DHS and older adults in communities throughout the state in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Wisconsin's Elder Nutrition Program;

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

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WISCONSIN'S ELDER NUTRITION PROGRAM

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 26th day of September 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State