

WHEREAS; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), each year, nearly 13,000 individuals in the United States, including nearly 200 in Wisconsin, are diagnosed with cervical cancer, and more than 4,000 people die from the disease; and

WHEREAS; cervical cancer can be treated, especially if caught early, however the side effects of treatments can be incredibly challenging; and

WHEREAS; the human papillomavirus (HPV) has been identified as the main cause of cervical cancer, and the HPV vaccine, along with regular screenings and Pap tests, can be effective tools to prevent the disease or detect it early on; and

WHEREAS; while cervical cancer can affect anyone with a cervix, the disease disproportionately affects underserved communities that too often lack access to healthcare services and education on preventative healthcare options; and

WHEREAS; administered by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services in all 72 counties and 11 federally recognized Native Nations, the Wisconsin Well Woman Program aims to increase access to cervical health screenings to all eligible Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Vaccines for Children program also works to reduce cost as a barrier to receiving the HPV vaccine for eligible kids throughout the state; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin honors those whose lives have been affected by cervical cancer and joins survivors, advocates, and organizations across the state and country in working to raise awareness of cervical cancer and the importance of cervical health, reduce the stigma that surrounds seeking cervical health services, and expand access to preventative tools, education, and treatment;

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

## **CERVICAL HEALTH 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State