

WHEREAS; gum disease is an infection of the tissue and bone that support the teeth, and has far-reaching effects on the human body; and

WHEREAS; mounting research indicates that gum disease is a possible precursor to other serious conditions, such as heart disease, and can be connected to other systemic diseases, including certain cancers; and

WHEREAS; while it is estimated that nearly half of all adults 30 years of age and older, and more than 70 percent of adults 65 years of age and older, have some degree of gum disease, it is not uncommon for individuals to be unaware of it, underscoring the importance of spreading awareness to improve public health and prevent serious health consequences; and

WHEREAS; Gum Disease Awareness Month supports public health by highlighting important information and tools that can empower folks to make critical improvements to their gum health and the overall health of both themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin affirms its commitment to raising awareness of the symptoms and consequences of gum disease and providing reliable oral health information, which includes prevention and treatment strategies for gum disease;

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

GUM DISEASE 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 21st day of January 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State