

WHEREAS; cardiovascular diseases are the number one killer of people across all racial and ethnic groups in Wisconsin, claiming the lives of more than 15,000 Wisconsinites each year; and

WHEREAS; as common symptoms of heart disease vary by gender, cardiovascular disease often goes undetected in women, prompting the need for increased awareness about the prevalence of heart disease, an understanding of common symptoms for folks of all ages, and education about data-informed prevention techniques and strategies; and

WHEREAS; it is estimated that approximately 80 percent of cardiac events can be prevented, which is why the Wisconsin Department of Health Services is working to implement a comprehensive set of systemic and environmental changes to combat the prevalence of heart disease in our state; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that not all Wisconsinites are given the same opportunity for heart health and, as such, we reaffirm our commitment to improving the conditions that create and promote health and wellness in our state, like economic opportunity, stable employment, reliable transportation, and quality housing; and

WHEREAS; alongside the efforts of our state agencies, the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women® campaign encourages women to learn their family history, move more, eat well, and meet with a healthcare provider to determine their risk for cardiovascular diseases and stroke; and

WHEREAS; this month, Wisconsin lawmakers, elected officials, and state employees join women across our country in wearing red in honor of the Go Red for Women® campaign, working towards the improved health and well-being of women across our state, spreading awareness about heart disease prevention strategies, and raising awareness about the warning signs of a potential heart attack and stroke in people of all ages and identities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 2021 as

AMERICAN HEART MONTH

and February 5, 2021, as

“WEAR RED” DAY

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 27th day of January 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State