

WHEREAS; observed annually on February 14, National Donor Day highlights the importance of organ, tissue, marrow, platelet, and blood donation to saving lives across our state and country; and

WHEREAS; one blood donation has the potential to help save the lives of up to three patients and every organ donor has the ability to save up to eight lives and impact dozens more; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes the more than 2,000 Wisconsinites—and more than 100,000 people nationwide—who are currently on the national waitlist for an organ transplant, along with all those who have passed because a transplant was not available in time; and

WHEREAS; Versiti, UW Health, and LifeSource serve as our state’s designated not-for-profit Organ Procurement Organizations and are charged with providing lifesaving organ and tissue gifts to those in need, promoting the importance of registering organ and tissue donors to the community, and delivering professional education to clinical teams and performance improvement to better serve donor families and hospital partners; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, we are reminded of our Wisconsin values of kindness, respect, empathy, and compassion, which are embodied by the act of becoming an organ, tissue, marrow, platelet, or blood donor; and

WHEREAS; every person in Wisconsin, regardless of health or age, can easily register to be an organ, tissue, and eye donor online, by mail, or at their local Division of Motor Vehicles; and


WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin honors the three million registered organ, tissue, and eye donors across our state for their generosity and encourages all eligible Wisconsinites to register as donors, support their local blood drives, and give the gift of life through donation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim February 14, 2022, as

## **NATIONAL DONOR 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State