

WHEREAS; observed annually on the third Friday in February, National Caregivers Day is a day to recognize and honor the dedicated folks who provide long-term, in-home, and hospice care, whether professionally or to family members in an unpaid capacity; and

WHEREAS; caregivers deliver a variety of services ranging from personal care, dressing, medication management, and healthcare coordination, to complex medical and nursing tasks with compassion and professionalism; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's approximately 580,000 unpaid family caregivers provide an estimated \$6.9 billion worth of care every year, and often struggle to meet their own personal needs and employment responsibilities, as well as the needs of others in their households; and

WHEREAS; a shortage of paid caregivers and direct care workers in Wisconsin has resulted in persistent vacancies in care facilities and a lack of sufficient services to people with disabilities, aging and older adults, and their families; and

WHEREAS; even in the context of this workforce shortage and the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, caregivers in Wisconsin have continued to go above and beyond to serve our state's most vulnerable individuals over the past year and a half; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin recognizes the innumerable contributions and sacrifices that both paid and unpaid family caregivers make in service to the health and well-being of our family members, neighbors, and communities, and reaffirms its commitment to expanding services that support caregivers throughout our state and ensure that all Wisconsinites who depend on caregivers have access to affordable, quality care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 18, 2022, as

NATIONAL CAREGIVERS 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 28th day of January 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State