

WHEREAS; observed annually on the third Friday in February, National Caregivers Day is a day to 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; professional 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, 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; established via Executive Order #11 in February 2019, the Governor's Task Force on Caregiving has made comprehensive recommendations to attract, retain, and strengthen our direct care workforce, support families providing complex care at home, increase access to services, and improve the quality of caregiving in Wisconsin, several of which are included in the Governor's 2021-23 budget proposal; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to expanding services that enhance caregiving throughout our state and recognizes the innumerable contributions and sacrifices that both paid and unpaid family caregivers have made in service to the health and well-being of our family members, neighbors, and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim February 19, 2021, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State