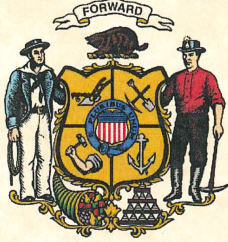


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; National Caregivers Day is observed annually on the third Friday in February to honor dedicated professionals who provide long-term, in-home, and hospice care; and

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

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's more than 500,000 unpaid caregivers provide an estimated \$6.9 billion worth of care; and

WHEREAS; family caregivers often struggle to meet their own personal needs and employment responsibilities, as well as tend to the needs of others in their household; 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; the number of direct care workers required to meet the needs of Wisconsin residents is projected to increase by 20,000 individuals by 2026; and

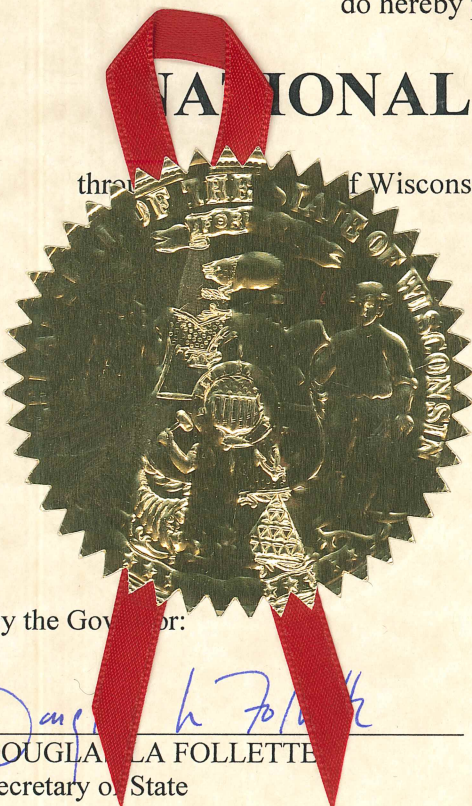
WHEREAS; the Governor's Task Force on Caregiving is charged with making recommendations to attract and retain a strong direct care workforce, strengthen the direct care workforce, and support families providing complex care at home in order to increase access to services and improve the quality of caregiving in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; the State of Wisconsin is committed to expanding services that enhance caregiving throughout the 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 across our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 21, 2020, as

NATIONAL CAREGIVERS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.



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 19th day of February 2019.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State