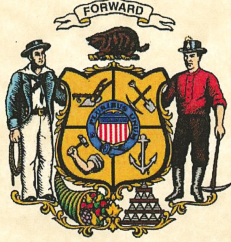


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; the State of Wisconsin joins maternal health advocates in recognizing the importance of increasing public and professional awareness of maternal health issues and promoting promising initiatives to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin has a longstanding multidisciplinary Maternal Mortality Review Team tasked with reviewing all maternal deaths, developing prevention recommendations, and increasing public and professional awareness of the incidence of pregnancy-related deaths as well as of strategies to prevent maternal deaths across our state; and

*WHEREAS*; by improving our maternal care systems, we are ultimately investing in family care, which helps us build a healthier Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS*; despite recent advances in medical science and technology, the number of pregnancy-related deaths in Wisconsin continues to occur at high levels, and the rate of pregnancy-related deaths for black mothers in the state is more than five times the rate for white mothers; and

*WHEREAS*; social determinants of health, mental health, violence, and substance use disorders significantly contribute to maternal deaths, and for every maternal death, 100 women experience severe obstetric complications; and

*WHEREAS*; this Wisconsin Maternal Health Awareness Month, the State of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists along with our state's medical professionals, families, researchers, and advocates in increasing awareness of the importance of maternal health to the overall health and well-being of all Wisconsinites;

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

## WISCONSIN MATERNAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of  
March 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas La Follette".  
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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State