

WHEREAS; from removing waste and toxins to assisting with the regulation of blood pressure, production of red blood cells, and strengthening our bones, healthy kidneys are essential for healthy lives; and

WHEREAS; kidney diseases, including chronic kidney disease or kidney failure, are the ninth leading cause of death in the United States, and while it is estimated that more than 37 million adult Americans have chronic kidney disease, most are unaware of their condition; and

WHEREAS; the American Cancer Society estimates that there will be 76,080 new cases of kidney cancer in the United States in 2021, including 1,500 in Wisconsin, and that an estimated 13,780 people across our country will lose their battle with the disease, including 290 Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; additionally, research suggests that one in 10 Americans will experience kidney stones at some point in their life, with approximately 500,000 people ending up in the emergency room because of kidney stones every year; and

WHEREAS; the two main causes of kidney failure are diabetes and high blood pressure, which are responsible for more than 70 percent of all cases; and

WHEREAS; kidney diseases can often be delayed or prevented, and advances in diagnosis, treatments, and procedures like medication management, dialysis, and transplantation create opportunities for patients to live longer after diagnosis; and

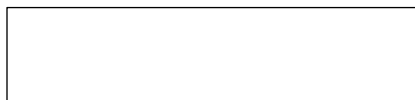
WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Health Services in encouraging all Wisconsinites to maintain their kidney health by eating well, drinking plenty of fluids, and practicing healthy lifestyle habits, and to communicate with their healthcare providers about potential risk factors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 2021 as

KIDNEY HEALTH 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 3rd day of March 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State