

WHEREAS; from removing waste and toxins to supporting the regulation of blood pressure, the production of red blood cells, and building bone health, healthy kidneys are a critical component of overall health and wellness; and

WHEREAS; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, kidney diseases are a leading cause of death in the United States, and while the National Kidney Foundation estimates that more than 37 million adults nationwide, including tens of thousands of Wisconsinites, have chronic kidney disease, most are unaware of their condition; and

WHEREAS; according to the National Kidney Foundation, one in three adults in the United States is at risk of kidney disease, with risk factors including diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, obesity, and family history of kidney disease, and people who are Black, Hispanic, or Latino are at a further increased risk; and

WHEREAS; kidney diseases can be delayed or prevented with proper care, 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 and the National Kidney Foundation of Wisconsin in raising awareness of kidney diseases and encouraging all Wisconsinites to maintain their kidney health by eating well, drinking plenty of fluids, practicing healthy lifestyle habits, and communicating with their healthcare providers about their potential risk factors for kidney disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 2023 as

NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH

and March 9 2023 as

WORLD KIDNEY 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 17th day of February 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State