

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

WHEREAS; kidney diseases are a leading cause of death in the United States, and while it is estimated 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; one in three adults in the United States is at risk of kidney disease, but 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; risk factors for kidney disease include diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, obesity, and family history of kidney disease, and people who are Black or African American and Hispanic or Latino are at an increased risk; and

WHEREAS; research also suggests that individuals with kidney disease are at an increased risk of hospitalization and developing life-threatening complications from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS; additionally, the American Cancer Society estimates that there will be 79,000 new cases of kidney cancer in the United States in 2022, including more than 1,500 in Wisconsin, and that an estimated 13,920 people across our country will lose their battle with the disease, including 280 Wisconsinites; 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 potential risk factors for kidney disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 2022 as

## **NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH**

and March 10, 2022, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State