

WHEREAS; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 700 women in the United States die each year due to pregnancy and delivery complications, and despite advances in medical science and technology, maternal mortality rates have been on the rise since 2000; and

WHEREAS; in Wisconsin alone, approximately 25 women die during or within one year of pregnancy, with pregnancy-related mortality being five times higher among Black individuals than their white, non-Hispanic peers; and

WHEREAS; amniotic fluid embolism (AFE)—a condition in which amniotic fluid enters the bloodstream during childbirth—is a life-threatening complication and is among the leading causes of maternal mortality in the United States, according to the CDC; and

WHEREAS; while the cause of AFE is currently unknown, research from the Cleveland Clinic suggests that it might be an immune response to amniotic fluid and fetal cells entering the circulatory system; and

WHEREAS; organizations like the AFE Foundation are dedicated to data collection and research surrounding AFE in order to develop effective treatments for the condition; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all families affected by AFE, dedicated medical professionals, advocates, and organizations across the state and country, including the AFE Foundation, in raising awareness of AFE, ensuring that the voices of pregnant individuals are heard, and working to address the disparities and inequities within medical systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 27 2023 as

AMNIOTIC FLUID EMBOLISM AWARENESS 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 6th day of March 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State