

WHEREAS; esophageal cancer is one of the fastest increasing cancers in the United States, and is also among the deadliest, as rates of early detection are low and it is usually discovered at more advanced stages; and

WHEREAS; though the cause of esophageal cancer remains unknown, certain risk factors are believed to be related, such as persistent heartburn, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), and Barrett's Esophagus, a precancerous condition that stems from recurring acid reflux; and

WHEREAS; esophageal cancer can be a silent killer, with individuals often unaware that their symptoms—heartburn, cough, hoarse voice, sore throat, and chest pain—could be signs of GERD and are reasons to discuss screening for esophageal cancer with their healthcare provider; and

WHEREAS; esophageal cancer can be best prevented by avoiding certain risk factors, including tobacco and alcohol, and maintaining a healthy weight, as well as through the early detection of Barrett's Esophagus; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated advocates and organizations, including the Esophageal Cancer Action Network, as well as all individuals who have been affected by the disease, in raising awareness of esophageal cancer, promoting early detection, and encouraging all Wisconsinites to be aware of the signs, symptoms, and their own risk factors

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

ESOPHAGEAL CANCER 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 1th day of April 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State