

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that investing in, protecting, and supporting public health, expanding access to healthcare, and relying on science to make informed policy decisions is essential, now more than ever; and

WHEREAS; Public Health Week, this year and every year, renews our resolve to ensure that every Wisconsinite has the opportunity to be healthy, regardless of who they are, where they live, or their life, income, or health circumstances; and

WHEREAS; the theme of this year's Public Health Week, "Public Health is Where You Are," highlights the impact of public health work on Wisconsinites in every corner of our state; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's public health professionals support communities across our state in preventing, preparing for, withstanding, and recovering from the impact of a full range of threats to public health, including disease outbreaks and pandemics, natural disasters, and climate concerns; and

WHEREAS; the services provided by our state's public health institutions, such as vaccinations, child health programs, lead abatement, vital health statistics and records, and so much more, help our communities to ensure and expand access to quality healthcare and the conditions necessary for good health; and

WHEREAS; our public health infrastructure plays an important role in addressing the social, economic, and environmental determinants of health, which include access to housing, employment, transportation, nutritious food, education, and healthcare, as well as community connectivity and other elements of the natural and built environments that can affect a person's health status and result in health disparities across different populations; and

WHEREAS; the field of public health connects research to action that centers equity and aims to improve health outcomes for all people; and

WHEREAS; over the past two years, as folks across our state, country, and world have faced the unprecedented challenges of the coronavirus pandemic, public health professionals in Wisconsin have gone above and beyond to keep our communities healthy and chart a path to recovery, collaborating with federal, state, and local partners to distribute protective equipment, raise awareness of disease mitigation measures, and make COVID-19 vaccines available and accessible in every ZIP code; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, along with local and tribal health departments, hospitals, laboratories, and public health-oriented agencies and organizations across our state, in emphasizing the importance of public health as a field and in thanking the public health heroes throughout our state for their selfless and dedicated work;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 4 through 10, 2022, as

## **PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK**

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State