

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; public health professionals across Wisconsin work every day to provide preventive healthcare services, including testing and vaccination, environmental protection, health education, research, and policy development, and are dedicated to ensuring and expanding access to healthcare to all Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; public health professionals play an important role in addressing the social determinants of health, such as housing, education, and social connection, when addressing health disparities and improving the overall health of populations; and

WHEREAS; this year's celebration of Public Health Week comes at a time of extraordinary challenges to public health, as folks across our state, country, and world continue to combat the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS; as leaders in the fight against COVID-19, public health professionals are working tirelessly to raise awareness about the importance of wearing a mask, physical distancing, washing our hands, avoiding large groups outside of our immediate households, and receiving a vaccine once one is available; and

WHEREAS; public health professionals have collaborated with federal, state, and local partners to access and distribute protective equipment to healthcare professionals and other essential workers, and continue to work with these partners to make COVID-19 vaccines available to Wisconsinites in every ZIP code so that we can keep our communities healthy and chart a path to recovery; and

WHEREAS; it is in the most difficult of circumstances and situations where we seek hope, unity, and strength in our communities and in one another, and it is in the selflessness, dedication, and empathy of our public health heroes that we find this hope, unity, and strength; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, along with hospitals, laboratories, local and tribal health departments, and public health-oriented agencies and organizations across our state, in thanking our public health heroes for their incredible work under ordinary circumstances and throughout the unprecedented challenges of the past year, in particular;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 5 through 11, 2021, as

## **PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK**

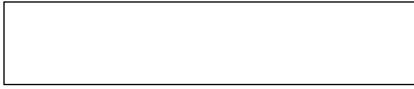
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

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 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State