

WHEREAS; assistive technology refers to any item, piece of equipment, or product used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities or older adults; and

WHEREAS; an assistive technology service is any service that directly assists an individual with a disability or an older adult in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsinites with disabilities of all ages and older adults utilize assistive technology devices and services to live independently and productively, as well as to participate fully in their communities; and

WHEREAS; in Wisconsin, everyone has equal access to information, communications, and documents produced by state agencies through the provision of accessible materials and the use of assistive technology, and our state's assistive technology program, WisTech, has provided assistive technology devices, services, and collaborations with state partners for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS; today, as we reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that assistive technology devices and services are available to all who need them, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Health Services in encouraging all Wisconsinites to become aware of the many ways in which assistive technologies contribute to the health, happiness, and independence of our family members, friends, and neighbors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 6, 2022, as

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS DAY

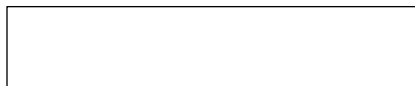
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 1st day of April 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State