

WHEREAS; since its designation by the World Federation of Hemophilia in 1989, World Hemophilia Day has been celebrated annually on April 17 as a day to generate greater awareness and understanding of hemophilia and all other bleeding disorders; and

WHEREAS; bleeding disorders, including hemophilia and von Willebrand disease, are characterized by the inability to form a proper blood clot in affected individuals, leading to extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma, or menstruation; and

WHEREAS; these bleeding disorders impact more than 3 million individuals nationwide, and can lead to significant morbidity or even death if not treated effectively; and

WHEREAS; it is important to recognize individuals with hemophilia depend on the safety of the blood supply and blood products, as many individuals with hemophilia became infected with HIV and Hepatitis C throughout the 1980s, and the work of advocating for the increased safety of blood and blood products is ongoing; and


WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all individuals affected by hemophilia, von Willebrand disease, and all bleeding disorders in raising awareness of these conditions, fostering a greater sense of community and shared purpose among individuals with bleeding disorders, and working together to enable the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures, and disability across our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 17, 2021, as

## **WORLD HEMOPHILIA DAY**

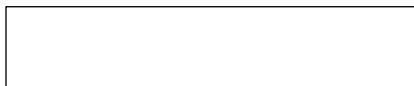
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

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 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State