STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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 24th day of March 2021.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State