

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, which are two of the most common—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 millions of individuals nationwide, and can lead to significant morbidity or even death if not treated effectively; and

WHEREAS; it is important to recognize that individuals with bleeding disorders depend on the safety of the blood supply and blood products, and while, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. blood supply is the safest it has ever been, our nation is also experiencing one of the most critical blood supply shortages in a decade, with the American Red Cross having declared a national blood crisis in January 2022; and

WHEREAS; it is essential that we continuously work to advocate for the increased reliability and safety of blood and blood products in our country; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 17, 2022, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State