

WHEREAS; since its designation by the World Federation of Hemophilia in 1989, World Hemophilia Day has been recognized 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; 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

WHEREAS; while, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. blood supply is the safest it has ever been, continuous work is needed to advocate for the increased reliability and safety of blood and blood products; 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 improve access to treatment and care, emphasizing better control and prevention of bleeds;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 17, 2023, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State