

WHEREAS; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in eight couples experience difficulties getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy, which is known as infertility; and

WHEREAS; defined by the World Health Organization and American Medical Association as a disease, infertility affects women and men equally, and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, or socioeconomic level; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin affirms that all people challenged in their family building journeys should have access to all family building options, including adoption and medical treatments such as in vitro fertilization and third-party reproduction; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that cost, lack of insurance coverage, and discrimination can present barriers for individuals and families in accessing the family building options they need; and

WHEREAS; many members of the LGBTQ community, in particular, face challenges when building their families, including the denial of fertility care and discrimination in the adoption and foster care systems; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated organizations and volunteers, healthcare professionals, and all individuals and families affected by infertility in raising awareness of infertility and the barriers faced by the family building community in our state and across our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 18 through 24, 2021, as

NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

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, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State