

WHEREAS; substance use disorders impact all aspects of quality of life in Wisconsin, negatively affecting the health, relationships, and livelihoods of folks across the state and potentially leading to severe injury or death; and

WHEREAS; according to 2021 data from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, about 8.7 million Americans 12 years of age or older had misused prescription pain relievers in the past year; and

WHEREAS; a simple step that any individual can take towards preventing substance use disorders is to properly dispose of unused or unwanted medications through one of the many drug drop boxes and disposal sites located across the state; and

WHEREAS; Prescription Drug Take Back Day is a national campaign that aims to educate the public on the safe use, storage, and disposal of medications, providing folks with the means to safely, conveniently, and responsibly dispose of their unused or unwanted prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin encourages all Wisconsinites to find their nearest drug disposal location by using the Prescription Drug Take Back Day collection site locator tool or the permanent drug drop box locator tool, available through the Dose of Reality webpage on the Wisconsin Department of Health Service website, and to safely dispose of any unwanted or unused medications for the health and safety of individuals, families, and communities throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 22, 2023, as

## **PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK 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