

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; substance abuse disorders impact quality of life in Wisconsin, negatively affecting the health, relationships, and livelihoods of folks throughout our state and potentially leading to severe injury or death; and

*WHEREAS*; according to data from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, 9.7 million Americans misused prescription pain relievers in 2019; and

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

*WHEREAS*; 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, all Wisconsinites are encouraged to find their nearest drug disposal location by using the Drug Take Back locator tool through Dose of Reality Wisconsin's website and to safely dispose of any unwanted or unused medications for the health and safety of our families and communities;

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

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
April 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

by the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas La Follette".

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State