STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; widespread immunization drastically reduces the spread of many infectious, debilitating, and potentially life-threatening diseases, and vaccines are critical to ensuring the health and well-being of people and communities around the world; and

WHEREAS; the World Health Organization estimates that vaccines prevent between two and three million deaths every year and protect many millions more from severe illness; and

WHEREAS; scientific and medical communities overwhelmingly agree that vaccines—including the COVID-19 vaccine—are effective, safe, and instrumental tools in protecting folks from contracting preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS; the dissemination of misinformation about vaccine safety poses a significant public health risk, as communities with low vaccination rates compromise the health and livelihood of infants, young children, seniors, individuals with immunodeficiency disorders, and individuals with weakened or compromised immune systems; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin echoes the 2021 World Immunization Week theme, "Vaccines Bring Us Closer," and encourages all Wisconsinites to trust science and get vaccinated against COVID-19 so that together we can save lives, put the pandemic behind us, and bounce back better;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 24 – 30, 2021, as

WORLD IMMUNIZATION 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 26th day of April 2021.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State