

WHEREAS; according to the World Health Organization (WHO), infertility is a global health issue affecting millions of people of reproductive age worldwide, including more than 40 million couples and more than 100 million individuals; and

WHEREAS; defined by the WHO and American Medical Association as a disease, infertility affects all people, 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 medical treatments such as in vitro fertilization and third-party reproduction; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that cost, lack of or inadequate 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 working to eliminate the stigma surrounding it, as well as barriers to family building faced by individuals and families in our state and across our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 24-30, 2022, as

NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

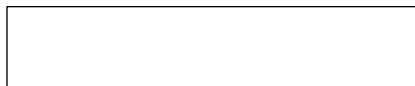
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 8th day of April 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State