

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin affirms that all Wisconsinites, regardless of race, creed, or ethnicity, deserve to be treated with dignity, respect, compassion, and justice; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that racism is a public health crisis that has harmed generations of Wisconsinites, and many local counties and municipalities across our state have formally declared racism as a public health crisis, in recognition of the work we have to do to make Wisconsin a more equitable, inclusive, and respectful place for all; and

WHEREAS; we also recognize that meaningful steps to address and eliminate racism in our state require the full participation of all Wisconsin residents in dialogue, reflection, and action; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin supports its YWCA affiliates—in Green Bay, La Crosse, Madison, Rock County, Southeast Wisconsin, and Wausau—in their mission to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, support families, and strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins YWCAs across our state in celebrating “Stand Against Racism,” a signature campaign of YWCA USA, to build community among those who work for racial justice and to raise awareness of the negative impact of institutional and structural racism in our communities; and


WHEREAS; in recognition of this year’s “Stand Against Racism” theme, “We Can’t Wait: Equity and Justice Now!,” the state of Wisconsin encourages all residents, local businesses, educators, and community and faith-based organizations to celebrate diversity and advocate for the elimination of racism in all its forms;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 25-May 1, 2022, as

## **STAND AGAINST RACISM 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State