

WHEREAS; like all Wisconsinites, aging and older adults and folks with disabilities desire and deserve to live with dignity, security, and maximum independence and quality of life; and

WHEREAS; the growth of our aging population, coupled with the rising cost of health and long-term care, only underscores the importance of making efficient and effective use of both private and public resources; and

WHEREAS; in 1998, Wisconsin became the first state to develop Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs), and provided the model for a nationwide initiative that began in 2003; and

WHEREAS; ADRCs are welcoming and accessible places where aging and older adults, folks with disabilities, and their families can be connected to reliable information, unbiased advice about their options, and simplified access to appropriate resources, supports, and services; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin commends the important work of ADRCs across our state to help Wisconsinites make more informed choices, conserve their personal resources, maintain self-sufficiency, and delay or prevent the need for public resources and potentially expensive long-term care;

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

## **AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER MONTH**

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.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State