

WHEREAS; stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, killing about 150,000 Americans, including approximately 2,500 Wisconsinites, each year; and

WHEREAS; a third of all Americans are living with at least one of the most common controllable causes of stroke, including high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity, and diabetes; and

WHEREAS; new and effective treatments have been developed to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effects of stroke when administered as soon as possible after the onset of symptoms; and

WHEREAS; while strokes are largely preventable with a healthy lifestyle and adherence to prescribed medications, one in four stroke survivors have a second stroke; and

WHEREAS; we recognize the need for further research and education on strokes to advance prevention and treatment efforts; and

WHEREAS; it is critical that all Wisconsinites be able to recognize and act on the signs and symptoms of a stroke, including the sudden onset of the B.E. F.A.S.T. warning signs—balance or coordination loss, eyesight difficulties, face drooping or weakness on one side, arm or leg weakness or numbness, speech difficulty or trouble understanding speech, and terrible headache; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the American Stroke Association's Together to End Stroke® initiative in encouraging all Wisconsinites and all Americans to manage their blood pressure, memorize and share the stroke warning signs, and call 911 at the first sign of stroke;

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

AMERICAN STROKE 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 28th day of April 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State