

WHEREAS; necrotizing fasciitis (NF) is an uncommon clinical disease involving the layers of tissue under the skin, often referred to as the “flesh eating bug or virus” in popular media; and

WHEREAS; NF was first described within medical literature in 1883 by French dermatologist Jean Alfred Fournier; and

WHEREAS; the most common causes of NF are the bacteria group A hemolytic, Streptococcus pyogenes, and Staphylococcus aureus, either alone or in combination, although cases have been reported to be caused by other types of bacteria, including those naturally found within the intestines; and

WHEREAS; NF can occur in folks of all ages, but is commonly associated with surgical procedures and seen in folks with diabetes mellitus, atherosclerotic vascular disease, malignancy, and hypertension; and

WHEREAS; on rare occasions, NF may develop following a fall, cut, tear, or other minor injury to the skin in an otherwise healthy individual; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated advocates and organizations across our state in raising awareness of necrotizing fasciitis in the hope that increased research will lead to a better understanding of the disease and improved treatments;

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

## **NECROTIZING FASCIITIS AWARENESS 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State