

WHEREAS; our state values the time, talent, and life experiences that Wisconsin's 1.5 million aging and older adults provide to their communities and society; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin recognizes that aging and older folks provide valuable leadership and inspiration to others while paving the way for future generations; and

WHEREAS; we strive to build strong and vibrant communities that encourage, engage, and support aging and older Wisconsinites in pursuing personal interests and social activities that promote vitality, independence, and aging with dignity, choice, and respect; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin affirms that living safely in one's community among friends and family preserves peace of mind and quality of life, and remains committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives in the communities of their choice, while dismantling systems and barriers that create a disproportionately poorer quality of life for members of marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS; we are devastated by the disproportionately harmful effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on aging and older folks in communities and residential care facilities throughout our state; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin celebrates older adults across our state for their vision, wisdom, advocacy, hard work, and volunteerism, and we reaffirm our commitment to assisting our aging and older adults in managing their health by supporting them and those who care for them, and increasing awareness of family caregiving issues;

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

OLDER AMERICANS 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 21st day of April 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State