STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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 14th day of April 2021.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State