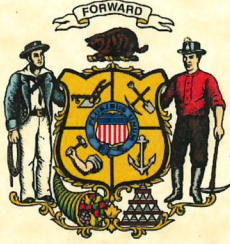# STATE *of* WISCONSIN

## OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

*Proclamation*

*WHEREAS;* our state's hospitals provide accessible, compassionate, and expert healthcare services to Wisconsinites every day of the year, creating opportunities for folks to heal from illness or injury and live their healthiest lives; and

*WHEREAS;* Wisconsin's hospitals continue to serve as both our frontline and our last line of defense in the fight against COVID-19, consistently stepping up to respond to surges of COVID-19 patients requiring complex care, while continuing to deliver babies, attend to accident victims, and treat chronic diseases, and now they are leading the way in vaccinating folks against the virus in every corner of our state; and

*WHEREAS;* in addition to providing high-quality healthcare, Wisconsin's hospitals annually provide nearly $2 billion worth of community benefits and charity care, as well as the many intangible benefits that they deliver to the communities they serve that enhance the quality of life of their neighbors; and

*WHEREAS;* our state's hospitals and health systems are among the largest drivers of Wisconsin's economy, employing more than 108,000 people and creating $47 billion of economic impact for our state; and

*WHEREAS;* this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in thanking and celebrating care providers, technicians, administrators, custodial staff, food service workers, security guards, and volunteers working in hospitals across our state for their essential role in delivering safe, effective, and efficient healthcare;

*NOW, THEREFORE,* I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 9 – 15, 2021, as
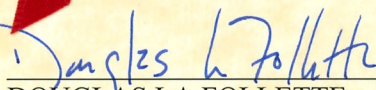
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throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

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 5th day of May 2021.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State