STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin affirms the importance of investing in, protecting, and supporting women's health and ensuring that every woman has access to quality healthcare; and

WHEREAS; National Women's Health Week is a time to celebrate women's health and bring awareness to women's health issues, and serves as an annual reminder for women to take care of themselves and make their mental and physical health a priority; and

WHEREAS; while we acknowledge that every woman has her own unique health needs, issues that predominantly affect women's health include breast cancer, ovarian cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's disease, and reproductive and maternal health issues; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that racism, bias, and discrimination in treatment settings—and in our healthcare system at the institutional level—create barriers that disproportionately impede women of color in their efforts to live healthy lives; and

WHEREAS; we further recognize that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has only underscored underlying health and social inequities that lead to disparities in health outcomes for women of color in our state and across our country; and

WHEREAS; the health and prosperity of women is essential to the health and prosperity of our state, and all women are encouraged to take steps towards living their healthiest lives by staying active, eating well, caring for their mental health, and engaging in regular medical check-ups and preventative screenings; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in raising awareness of women's health issues, working to increase access to quality healthcare for all women and to eliminate existing disparities, and supporting the overall health and well-being of every woman in Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 9 – 15, 2021, as

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK

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

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State