

WHEREAS; Necrotizing Fasciitis (NF) is an uncommon clinical disease of 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; 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 falls, cuts, tears, or other minor injuries to the skin in otherwise healthy individuals; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that much remains to be done for the treatment of Necrotizing Fasciitis in our state and throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 2020 as

## **NECROTIZING FASCIITIS AWARENESS MONTH**

and May 31, 2020, as

## **NECROTIZING FASCIITIS AWARENESS DAY**

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 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State