

WHEREAS; Alzheimer's disease is a debilitating condition that causes the death of brain cells resulting in the symptoms of dementia, including memory loss and confusion; and

WHEREAS; according to the Alzheimer's Association, more than six million Americans and 120,000 Wisconsinites aged 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's disease, and the Alzheimer's Impact Movement estimates that the number of people diagnosed with the disease in Wisconsin will increase by 8.3 percent by 2025; and

WHEREAS; Alzheimer's disease remains the sixth leading cause of death in the United States and in Wisconsin, and treatments to prevent or halt the disease's progression are not yet available; and

WHEREAS; an estimated 2,390 people died from Alzheimer's disease in Wisconsin in 2019, and deaths from dementia in our state were 15.8 percent higher than average in 2020; and

WHEREAS; it is essential to recognize that there are currently 196,000 unpaid and familial caregivers in Wisconsin providing a total of 204,000,000 hours of care to dementia patients at an approximated value of more than \$3 billion; and

WHEREAS; Alzheimer's disease and other dementias will cost the United States approximately \$335 billion in 2021, and Medicaid costs of caring for the disease amounted to \$777 million in 2020 in Wisconsin alone; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all who are currently living with Alzheimer's disease, their loved ones, their caregivers, and dedicated individuals and organizations across our state in encouraging continued research and funding efforts, and in embracing hope for the development of new and innovative approaches to address Alzheimer's disease;

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

ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

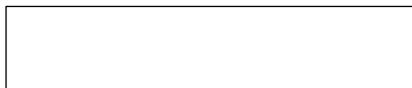
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 28th day of May 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State