

WHEREAS; despite advancements in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women, and Black and Indigenous men, in particular, experience a lower average life expectancy at birth than their white counterparts and the male population in the United States overall; and

WHEREAS; celebrated annually in June, Men's Health Month is a time to raise awareness of a wide variety of health issues that disproportionately affect men and boys, including diabetes, heart disease, certain mental health conditions, and prostate, testicular, and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS; raising awareness of men's health issues and promoting healthy lifestyles for men has never been more important, as data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggest that men are almost two and a half times more likely to die from COVID-19 than women; and

WHEREAS; men are also being vaccinated against COVID-19 at lower rates than women, reflecting, in part, the lower likelihood of men to embrace preventive care in general compared to women; and

WHEREAS; by educating healthcare providers and the general public about the value of a healthy lifestyle and the importance of preventive care practices, we hope to raise life expectancy among men in our country and in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to eliminating barriers to healthcare access for men—especially in communities of color—and encourages all Wisconsinites to engage in and promote regular exercise, medical check-ups, and overall wellness;

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

## **MEN'S HEALTH 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State