

WHEREAS; according to the World Health Organization, more than 349 million people worldwide are estimated to be care-dependent, including 18 million children under the age of 15 and 101 million adults aged 60 or older; and

WHEREAS; motivated by love, concern, and commitment, family caregivers in Wisconsin and around the world provide critical services that promote the well-being and enhance the quality of life of our most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS; family caregivers assist with daily living tasks and often perform complex medical tasks so that their loved ones can continue to live at home; and

WHEREAS; caregiving is a lifespan issue that is not bound by age, race, gender, disability, or diagnosis, and we recognize that family caregivers often struggle to meet their own personal and occupational needs, as well as the needs of others in their households, and that they require support to stay healthy, both physically and mentally; and

WHEREAS; ; respite care is proven to help alleviate stress and improve the health and well-being of caregivers, although a vast majority of family caregivers are not receiving this invaluable service; and

WHEREAS; every year, the International Short Break Conference brings together an international network of people who provide, utilize, or need respite services to exchange knowledge and working practices focused on respite care for family caregivers; and

WHEREAS; this week, coinciding with the 12th annual International Short Break Conference hosted by the Respite Care Association of Wisconsin and partners, the state of Wisconsin celebrates family caregivers for the critical contributions they make in service to folks across our state and throughout the world, and reaffirms its commitment to expanding services that support caregivers and enhance caregiving;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 22 – 25, 2021, as

RESPITE CARE AWARENESS WEEK

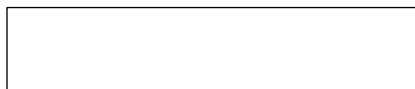
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 11th day of June 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State