

WHEREAS; widows across the globe have been historically undervalued, stigmatized, and isolated socially, economically, and emotionally; and

WHEREAS; since 2011, International Widows Day has been recognized on June 23 throughout the United States and around the world to raise awareness of the needs of widows and the challenges they and their families face globally, nationally, and locally; and

WHEREAS; the goal of International Widows Day is to give widows a voice so that they can be heard, seen, understood, and served, and to empower women in widowhood to build resilience and make a positive difference in their lives with the support of their communities; and

WHEREAS; today, we recognize the crucial needs of widows across our state and around the world, and affirm our commitment to building services, programs, and initiatives, and facilitating outreach, education, and community involvement to support women in widowhood worldwide;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 23, 2020, as

INTERNATIONAL WIDOWS 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 4th day of June 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State