

WHEREAS; vitiligo is an autoimmune disease that causes loss of pigment from areas of the skin, resulting in irregular white spots or patches; and

WHEREAS; it is estimated that vitiligo affects up to one percent of the population worldwide, and the condition can develop at any age and in individuals of all genders, races, and ethnicities; and

WHEREAS; vitiligo is not contagious and is not typically physically painful, although the psychological and social effects are well-documented and can be especially devastating to children and individuals with darker skin; and

WHEREAS; recognized around the world on June 25 every year, World Vitiligo Day is an occasion to promote acceptance and raise awareness of vitiligo in the hopes that further funding and research will lead to a better understanding of the condition and new treatments; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated individuals and organizations across our state—including Wisconsin VITFriends and its 175 members statewide—in spreading awareness of vitiligo and providing advocacy and support for affected individuals;

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

WORLD VITILIGO DAY

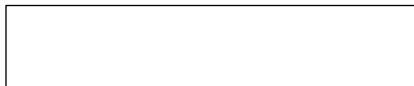
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 12th day of May 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State