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; today, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated individuals and organizations across our state in spreading awareness of vitiligo, providing advocacy and support for affected individuals, and promoting acceptance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 25, 2022, 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 10th day of June 2022.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State