

WHEREAS; more than half of all adult Americans, including thousands of Wisconsinites, live with at least one chronic health condition, such as cardiovascular disease, stroke, diabetes, cancer, and obesity; and

WHEREAS; chronic diseases are among the leading causes of death in the United States, resulting in approximately seven out of 10 deaths every year; and

WHEREAS; the combined costs of living with a chronic condition—taking into account medications, treatments, and co-payments—can cause extreme financial hardship and even lead to bankruptcy for individuals and families, and it is estimated that the management of chronic diseases accounts for approximately 90 percent of our country’s \$3.8 trillion in annual healthcare expenditures; and

WHEREAS; while most chronic diseases have no cure, many are preventable and treatable with proper nutrition, physical activity, and overall healthy lifestyle choices; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes the racial disparities that persist statewide in both chronic disease morbidity and mortality, and reaffirms its commitment to addressing the systemic factors that lead to poorer health outcomes for people of color in our state; and

WHEREAS; we acknowledge the necessity of eliminating barriers to access for healthcare and education, especially in our historically marginalized communities, in order to increase life expectancy, reduce the burden of healthcare costs, and improve the quality of life of all Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated individuals, organizations, and support groups in our state and across our country in spreading awareness of the prevention, intervention, and treatment of chronic diseases;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim July 10, 2021, as

## **CHRONIC DISEASE AWARENESS 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State