

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 90 percent of our country’s \$4.1 trillion in annual healthcare expenditures are for people with chronic diseases and mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS; while most chronic diseases have no cure, many are treatable with appropriate medical care and preventable with proper nutrition, physical activity, healthy lifestyle choices, and regular health screenings; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that racial disparities in both chronic disease morbidity and mortality persist statewide, and that addressing the systemic factors that lead to poorer health outcomes for marginalized communities is critically important to increasing life expectancy, reducing the burden of healthcare costs, and promoting the health and wellness of every person and community; 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, and reaffirms its commitment to eliminating barriers to accessible, affordable healthcare and to improving the quality of life of all Wisconsinites;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim July 10 2022 as

CHRONIC DISEASE DAY

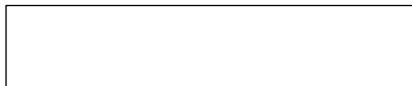
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

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 17th day of June 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State