STATE of WISCONSIN



Proclamation

WHEREAS; aging and older adults throughout Wisconsin have spent their lives contributing to our state; and

WHEREAS; there are more than 1.3 million folks over the age of 60 living in Wisconsin, and over one quarter of our state's households include at least one member aged 65 or older; and

WHEREAS; older adults play an active role in our families and communities, and set an example of community service and social responsibility, providing advice and perspective to future generations of Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; older adults are an important part of the diverse fabric of our state and deserve to be treated with respect and dignity, regardless of their age, income, or ability; and

WHEREAS; we are devastated by the disproportionately harmful effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our aging and older populations in communities and residential care facilities throughout our state, and share our deepest condolences with the family, friends, and loved ones of all those who have lost their lives to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS; we also commend aging and older adults across our state for leading all other age groups in rates of vaccination against COVID-19, with almost 85 percent of folks over the age of 65 having received at least one dose; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources in encouraging folks across our state to reach out to the aging and older individuals in their lives, reflect on their legacy, and thank them for their continued contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim August 21, 2021, as

NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY

broughout 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 13th day of August 2021.

TONY EVERS

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State