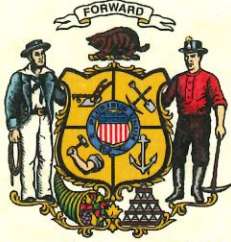


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine; and

*WHEREAS*; because of its strength and low production cost, illegally manufactured fentanyl is being found in illicit drugs of all kinds, including heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine, and is being used at increasing rates; and

*WHEREAS*; according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, more than 1,200 Wisconsinites died from an opioid-related overdose in 2020 alone, and over 86 percent of these deaths were connected to a synthetic or manufactured opioid, like fentanyl; and

*WHEREAS*; while expanding access to fentanyl test strips and the emergency narcotic overdose reversal drug, naloxone, is key to reducing fentanyl use and overdose, the stigma that surrounds drug use, addiction, and overdose often makes it difficult for communities to implement these measures and effectively address the opioid crisis; and

*WHEREAS*; the state of Wisconsin has been proud to support and advance several measures to address substance use and overdose deaths in Wisconsin, including passing legislation to decriminalize fentanyl testing strips, investing in increased community-level supports for people who have been grappling with mental health and substance use challenges, and making strategic use of funds received as part of a national settlement agreement with major pharmaceutical distributors; and

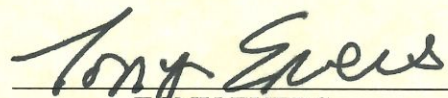
*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all those who have been affected by fentanyl use in spreading awareness of the harm that fentanyl can cause and reminds all Wisconsinites that anyone can save a life by educating themselves on the signs of an overdose, learning how to administer naloxone, and calling 911;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim August 21, 2022, as

## NATIONAL FENTANYL PREVENTION AND AWARENESS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
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 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
August 2022.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State