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

WHEREAS, in 2020, there were approximately 1.45 million folks 60 years old and older living in Wisconsin, making up a quarter of our state’s total population; 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 recognize that the coronavirus pandemic has had a disproportionately harmful impact on our aging and older populations in communities throughout our state, and we share our deepest condolences with the family members, 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 continuing to lead all other age groups in rates of vaccination against COVID-19, with more than 85 percent of folks over the age of 65 having received at least one dose and over 68 percent having received an additional booster dose; and

WHEREAS, today, the state of Wisconsin celebrates aging and older adults across our state for their countless contributions and affirms its commitment to making Wisconsin a place where people of all ages can thrive;

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

NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZEN’S 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 22nd day of July 2022.

[Signature]
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

[Signature]
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State