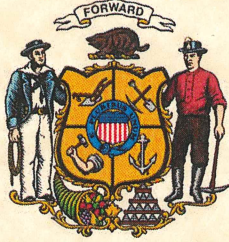


STATE of WISCONSIN



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Proclamation

WHEREAS; 886 people died by suicide in Wisconsin in 2018; and

WHEREAS; suicide is a public health issue, having been identified as a State Public Health Plan priority area within Healthy Wisconsin, the current five-year state health plan; and

WHEREAS; each death by suicide directly impacts numerous family members, friends, coworkers, loved ones, and entire communities; and

WHEREAS; Suicide Prevention Month and Suicide Prevention Day are critically important for raising awareness about suicide prevention and for reducing stigma around suicide across our state; and

WHEREAS; persons who may at times be struggling and in need of support should know they are loved and valued by their communities, and see that value affirmed in how their communities address suicide prevention; and

WHEREAS; preventing suicide requires collaboration and compassion from friends, families, neighbors, coworkers, government agencies, and community organizations to implement strategies for early intervention, treatment, prevention, and postvention; and

WHEREAS; the State of Wisconsin is committed to building emotional resilience among individuals, families, and communities, increasing access to behavioral health and health care, implementing best practices regarding suicide prevention in health care systems, and improving the investigation and reporting of suicide deaths; and

WHEREAS; there is free, confidential help available by calling 1-800-273-8255 or texting HOPELINE to 741741;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 2019 as

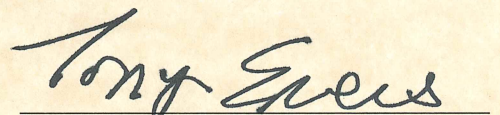
SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

and further proclaim Tuesday, September 10, 2019, as

SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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 27th day of August 2019.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

