

WHEREAS; approximately every three minutes, one person in the United States is diagnosed with a blood cancer, and approximately every nine minutes, someone in our country loses their battle with the disease; and

WHEREAS; an estimated 1,297,027 people nationwide are either living with, or are in remission from, leukemia, lymphoma, or myeloma—the three main types of blood cancer—and, by the end of this year, it is estimated that 186,400 more Americans, including many Wisconsinites, will have been diagnosed; and

WHEREAS; in addition to threatening to temporarily stall research, the global COVID-19 pandemic has only magnified the issues that blood cancer patients often face beyond health concerns, including added distress, new financial worries, loneliness, and uncertainty; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin recognizes that blood cancer patients and their families need support now, more than ever, and joins patients, survivors, healthcare professionals, advocates, and dedicated organizations across our state and country—including the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society—in spreading awareness of blood cancers, supporting research, and embracing hope for improved diagnoses, treatments, and a cure;

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

## **BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State