

WHEREAS; prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths and diagnoses among men in the United States, with one in eight American men diagnosed with the disease in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS; the American Cancer Society estimates that 248,530 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in the United States—including 4,930 new cases in Wisconsin—in 2021, resulting in an estimated 34,130 deaths nationwide and 730 deaths in our state; and

WHEREAS; according to the American Cancer Society, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Black men, and the likelihood of being diagnosed with prostate cancer more than doubles for men who have a father or brother with the disease; and

WHEREAS; while earlier stages of the disease usually have no symptoms, if left untreated, prostate cancer commonly spreads to the bones, causing pain in the hips, spine, ribs, or other areas of the body; and

WHEREAS; the five-year survival rate approaches 100 percent when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 30 percent if it spreads to other parts of the body; and

WHEREAS; prostate cancer treatment decisions should be based on clinician recommendations and patient values and preferences, and the American Cancer Society recommends that all men have an opportunity to make an informed decision about whether to be tested for prostate cancer after learning about the potential uncertainties, risks, and benefits of prostate cancer screening; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins patients, survivors, healthcare professionals, advocates, and dedicated organizations across our state in spreading awareness of prostate cancer, supporting research, and embracing hope for improved screening methods, diagnoses, treatments, and a cure;

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

## **PROSTATE 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State