

WHEREAS; sepsis is an extreme response to infection, and when left untreated, can be life-threatening, resulting in tissue damage, organ failure, and even death; and

WHEREAS; sepsis is a leading cause of death in hospitals, and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, at least 1.7 million adults develop sepsis each year, with nearly 270,000 dying because of it; and

WHEREAS; kids are also affected by sepsis, with more than 75,000 children in the United States developing sepsis, and nearly 7,000 dying of sepsis, each year, according to the Sepsis Alliance; and

WHEREAS; even after surviving sepsis, survivors often experience long-term effects, such post-sepsis syndrome, which includes both physical and psychological effects ranging from joint and muscle pain and diminished organ function to memory loss and post-traumatic stress disorder; and

WHEREAS; the risk of death from sepsis increases with every hour that treatment is delayed, underscoring the importance of early diagnosis and treatment to save lives and improve outcomes for survivors; and

WHEREAS; despite the prevalence and devastating consequences of sepsis, public awareness of the signs and symptoms—which can be remembered using the T.I.M.E. acronym, standing for temperature, infection, mental decline, and extremely ill—is lacking; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins sepsis survivors and their families, along with dedicated advocates and organizations across our state and country, including the Sepsis Alliance, in raising awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis in the hopes that further awareness and education will lead to earlier diagnoses and treatment and better outcomes for affected individuals;

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

## **SEPSIS 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State