

WHEREAS; we are committed to ensuring the safety and security of all Wisconsinites and all visitors to our state; and

WHEREAS; our hospitals and medical centers require a readily available blood supply to treat our residents and visitors, making a sufficient supply a public health priority both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS; less than 10 percent of the U.S. population donate blood, although only 38 percent of Americans are actually eligible, due in part to discriminatory policies at the federal level that continue to bar many LGBTQ Americans – and gay men, in particular – from donating blood; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to many organizations committed to raising awareness about the importance of blood donation, including the American Red Cross, Versiti, the Dr. Daliah Show, and more; and

WHEREAS; one blood donation has the potential to help save the lives of up to three patients, underscoring the importance of constantly replenishing our blood supply through donations and community awareness; and

WHEREAS; today, we are reminded of our Wisconsin values of kindness, respect, empathy, and compassion, which we can all embody through supporting our local blood drives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 4, 2020, as

WISCONSIN BLOOD DONATION 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 6th day of August 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State