

WHEREAS; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 46,000 Americans lost their lives to suicide in 2020, including 866 Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; in 2020, suicide was the 12th leading cause of death in the United States, as well as the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 and 34 nationwide; and

WHEREAS; while anyone, regardless of background or identity, can be at risk for suicide, this tragic issue is particularly pervasive among youth, Indigenous individuals, members of the LGBTQ community, and our nation's veterans; and

WHEREAS; suicide is a serious public health issue in Wisconsin and across the United States, and suicide prevention must be a public health priority; and

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

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to increasing access to mental healthcare and services, addressing disparities in access to quality, affordable mental health and healthcare services among underrepresented groups, supporting research into culturally-relevant and evidence-based mental healthcare and services, reducing stigma, implementing best practices regarding suicide prevention in healthcare systems and programs, improving the investigation and reporting of suicide deaths, and spreading awareness of suicide and suicide prevention; and

WHEREAS; every death by suicide directly impacts countless other family members, friends, coworkers, loved ones, and entire communities, and anyone who may be struggling or in need of support should know that they are loved and valued by their communities and that they are not alone; and

WHEREAS; help and hope are available, and all Wisconsinites are reminded that there is always free, confidential support available by calling the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 988 or by texting HOPELINE to 741741;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 4 through 10, 2022, as

SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

and September 2022 as

SUICIDE PREVENTION 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 2nd day of September 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State