

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin is 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 residents and visitors alike, making a sufficient blood supply a public health priority; and

WHEREAS; while around 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, less than ten percent do; and

WHEREAS; as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, blood donor turnout has declined by ten percent since March 2020, resulting in a dangerously low supply of blood, both in Wisconsin and throughout our country; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to numerous organizations committed to raising awareness of the importance of blood donation, including the American Red Cross, Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin, 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 and protecting our fellow Wisconsinites;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 4 2022 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 22nd day of July 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State