

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*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;

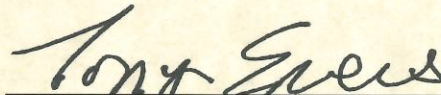
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 4th, 2022, as

## WISCONSIN BLOOD DONATION DAY

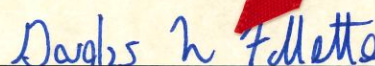
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2022.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State