

WHEREAS; it is widely agreed upon that nutrition status is a reliable indicator of overall health, and that sufficient nutrition is an effective tool to keep folks healthy, reduce costs associated with healthcare, and improve quality of life; and

WHEREAS; malnutrition occurs when an individual's nutritional needs are unmet or imbalanced, and can cause challenges that impact patient health outcomes, including recovery from illness, injury, surgery, or disease; and

WHEREAS; compounded by global food insecurity, and further exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic, malnutrition presents a serious threat to public health across our state, country, and world; and

WHEREAS; malnutrition disproportionately affects vulnerable populations, including aging and older adults, low income communities, and communities of color, and these populations also experience the highest incidence of some of the most severe chronic illnesses that are impacted by nutrition, such as diabetes, kidney disease, cancer, and cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS; combating the prevalence of malnutrition requires incorporating screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention across the continuum of care, as well as addressing the presence of food deserts—which occur when folks do not have reasonably convenient access to nutritious food sources, like supermarkets and grocery stores—in communities across our state and highlighting the importance of reliable access to high-quality, affordable, and nutritious food options; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, and the Wisconsin Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, along with all other key stakeholders in the public and private sectors, in affirming nutrition as a human right and working to increase awareness of, reduce, and prevent malnutrition in our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 15 through 23 2022 as

## **MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK**

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State