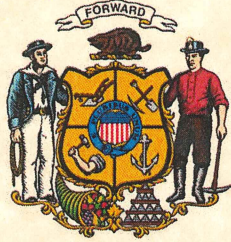


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; every day in Wisconsin, thousands of paid and unpaid caregivers help our friends, neighbors, and loved ones to get out of bed, bathe, eat, dress, and complete all other activities necessary for daily living; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is a national leader in supporting people with disabilities and older adults in their own homes and communities; and

WHEREAS; personal care agencies across our state have had to turn away clients during the past year because they do not have enough workers, reflecting the reality of a direct care workforce shortage that is jeopardizing the health, safety, and welfare of older adults and people with disabilities of all ages; and

WHEREAS; unpaid family caregivers are taking on additional responsibilities as a result of the statewide staffing crisis, leading to increased stress, risk of burnout, and lost income; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin is committed to ensuring that older adults and people with disabilities have access to the care they need to lead independent lives with dignity, and to stay in their homes and communities as long as possible; and

WHEREAS; direct care providers, caregivers, consumers, advocates, policymakers, and other stakeholders have come together today in the Wisconsin Dells to discuss innovative solutions that could shape the future of caregiving in Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 18, 2019, as

CAREGIVER SUMMIT DAY

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.



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 27th day of August 2019.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State