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WHEREAS; Black Women's Wellness Day is an annual health summit organized by the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness, intended to ensure Black women and girls have the opportunity make their own healthcare choices and to encourage living healthy, balanced, thriving lives within their families, communities, and society; and

WHEREAS; Black women are over-represented in all major categories of disease and illness and are more likely than their peers to die from heart disease, cancer, and stroke, to be obese or overweight, and to be diagnosed with HIV; and

WHEREAS; the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness works to eliminate health disparities affecting Black women by partnering with their communities to provide educational outreach programs, conferences, and seminars to inform and inspire Black women and girls to build and sustain healthy, wellness-centered lives; and

WHEREAS; the State of Wisconsin recognizes that the well-being of Black women is essential to the well-being of our great state, and we remain committed to being a positive partner to Black women, kids, and families in our communities as we work together to provide a safe and nurturing environment that results in long, healthy, and productive lives for all; and

WHEREAS; investing in Black women's wellness today will not only contribute to improved access to healthcare and healthcare outcomes but will have positive ripple effects for generations to come, affecting people of all ages in all communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2019, as

## BLACK WOMEN'S WELLNESS DAY

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

By the pernor:

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State