

WHEREAS; year after year, health data demonstrates that vast health disparities persist throughout our state and country, and that women of color—and Black women, in particular—are disproportionately affected; and

WHEREAS; Black women in Wisconsin and throughout the United States face an increased risk of dying from heart disease, cancer, stroke, and complications of pregnancy and childbirth, among other diseases, when compared to their white peers; and

WHEREAS; widespread disparities in health outcomes affecting Black women are not the consequence of individual habits or poor choices, and they instead reflect centuries of structural racism, sexism, bias, and discrimination in our society and healthcare systems; and

WHEREAS; if we want to improve the health and wellness of Black women in our state and across our country, we must address the institutional factors at the root of health disparities and confront the need for increased access to quality healthcare and education in communities of color; and

WHEREAS; our state commends the organizations, like the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness, that are doing the important work of addressing health disparities facing Black women and girls by partnering with their communities to inform and inspire them to build and maintain healthy, balanced lives; and

WHEREAS; organized by the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness, Black Women's Wellness Day is an annual health summit intended to promote the health and wellness of Black women and girls and to ensure they have the opportunity to make the healthcare choices that are right for them to live full, thriving lives within their families, communities, and world; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to investing in Black women's wellness and taking action to make our state a safer and more nurturing, equitable, and empowering environment for Black women, girls, and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 23 through 24 2022 as

## **BLACK WOMEN'S WELLNESS 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State