

WHEREAS; year after year, health data demonstrate 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, for example, are far more likely than their white peers to die from heart disease, cancer, stroke, and complications of pregnancy and childbirth; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that widespread disparities in health outcomes affecting Black women are not the consequence of individual habits or poor choices, and that 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 our state and 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 affecting Black women and girls by partnering with their communities to inform and inspire them to build and sustain healthy, wellness-centered 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 their own healthcare choices and live healthy, balanced, and thriving lives within their families, communities, and world; and

WHEREAS; in the spirit of this year's theme, "Building the Future We Deserve," 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 24 through 25, 2021, 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 7th day of September 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State