

WHEREAS; breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women in the United States, and it is estimated that by the end of the year 2021, 5,210 new cases will have been diagnosed and 750 people will have died of the disease in the state of Wisconsin alone; and

WHEREAS; through research and advocacy, advances have been made in the fight against breast cancer, including an increased rate of early detection and a 90 percent five-year survival rate for invasive breast cancer; and

WHEREAS; despite these advances, racial disparities in breast cancer incidence and mortality persist and have become more pronounced over time, with Black women, in particular, experiencing a disproportionately high rate of breast cancer incidence that continues to rise, underscoring the need for increased access to quality healthcare and breast cancer awareness in communities of color; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that disparities in health outcomes are not the consequence of individual habits or poor choices, and that all people are at a lower risk for breast cancer when they have the opportunity to benefit from access to healthy foods, routine health screenings and preventative care, physical activity, and resources that help them to limit alcohol consumption and quit smoking; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, all Wisconsinites are reminded that mammograms and other preventative breast cancer screenings are the most effective ways to detect the disease early and increase one's chances of successful treatment; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to building a healthcare system that works for everyone and joins all breast cancer survivors, all those who are battling the disease, their loved ones, and our state's many dedicated healthcare workers in spreading awareness, committing to public education, and embracing hope for better diagnoses, treatments, and a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 2021 as

## **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State