

WHEREAS; health literacy refers to the capacity to seek out, comprehend, and apply information about one's own health in order to make the best possible health decisions; and

WHEREAS; healthcare workers and educators recognize that improving health and wellness is anchored in one's ability to understand and use health information; and

WHEREAS; lack of or inadequate health literacy poses significant challenges to public health as healthcare practitioners, the medical community, and educational institutions work to improve health outcomes in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; health literacy is a strong predictor of patient health outcomes, and improving health literacy among all Wisconsinites is a powerful means of preventing or mitigating many chronic and acute conditions; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins healthcare providers, educators, researchers, and dedicated organizations, including the Wisconsin Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, in promoting health literacy in Wisconsin and beyond;

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

## **HEALTH LITERACY 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State