STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; in December 2019, a highly contagious and deadly novel strain of the coronavirus – now named COVID-19 – was detected and began to spread into countries throughout the world, including the United States, prompting the World Health Organization to declare a pandemic in March 2020; and

WHEREAS; despite the attempts of frontline workers, community leaders, individuals, and many government officials in the United States to respond to and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, inaction and obstruction on the part of the federal government, along with widespread disinformation and politicization, has led to an increasingly dire national situation; and

WHEREAS; since January 21 of this year, the United States has detected more than 7.26 million total cases of COVID-19, which have resulted in over 200,000 deaths, affecting every state and territory, as well as the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS; as of October 1, the state of Wisconsin has reported 125,161 confirmed cases, resulting in 7,409 hospitalizations and 1,348 deaths, and innumerable other cases of folks who have recovered but will likely face lifelong health complications; and

WHEREAS; it is important to remember that these staggering statistics are more than just numbers, and that each figure represents not only an individual whose life has been interrupted or lost, but the lives of every friend, family member, and loved one who has been affected; and

WHEREAS; in addition to COVID-19's detrimental effects on public health, we recognize the unprecedented economic impacts, including record unemployment which has led to the inability of many folks across Wisconsin to pay their bills and put food on the table for their families; and

WHEREAS; we also recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating and disproportionate impact on communities of color across our state, compounding the existing health disparities and economic inequalities faced by Black, Latinx, and Indigenous Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; this occasion presents all Wisconsinites and all Americans with the opportunity to remember those we have lost to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as to call on elected officials to do more to develop a national plan for safety and recovery; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in remembering the millions who have lost their lives to COVID-19, honoring the frontline workers – from doctors, nurses, and public health professionals to grocery store clerks, food service workers, and other essential personnel – who are putting their lives on the line every day to fight this pandemic, and working together towards resilience and an informed, effective, and equitable recovery;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 4, 2020, as

COVID REMEMBRANCE 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 4th day of October 2020.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State