STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; the Mendota Mental Health Institute's Program of Assertive Community Treatment, or PACT, admitted its first patient on October 9, 1972, and has worked to change the face of psychiatric care for the past 50 years; and

WHEREAS; during the time that PACT was being developed, frequent and long-term hospitalizations were common for people with severe mental illnesses, due in large part to the lack of support needed to maintain health and wellness outside of hospital settings; and

WHEREAS; PACT identified this gap in psychiatric care and sought to improve mental health treatment by meeting individuals with severe mental health challenges where they were—whether in their homes, at their workplaces, or in community social settings—and providing a "hospital without walls" model of care that included intensive around-the-clock support from a multidisciplinary team of staff in order to help affected individuals live fulfilling lives while minimizing reliance on hospital care; and

WHEREAS; PACT remains one of the most researched approaches to community mental health services, and the effectiveness of its approach has been proven to help individuals with severe mental health challenges; and

WHEREAS; over the last 50 years, the model of care developed and refined by PACT has been adopted across Wisconsin, in 41 states, and around the world, enabling countless people with severe mental health challenges the opportunity to thrive in their communities; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin commends PACT on the program's 50th anniversary;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2022, as

PACT 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 30th day of September 2022.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State