

WHEREAS; mental health includes emotional, psychological, and social well-being, and it affects how an individual thinks, feels, acts, handles stress, relates to others, and makes choices; and

WHEREAS; mental health conditions are real and prevalent in the lives of Wisconsinites in every corner of the state, and ensuring that folks have access to mental health services is essential to the overall health and well-being of the state; and

WHEREAS; the coronavirus pandemic has only underscored the need for increased support for all Wisconsinites, especially those already affected by anxiety, depression, trauma, toxic stress, and who have other mental and behavioral health needs; and

WHEREAS; whether it is kids and families, farmers and veterans, educators and healthcare workers, individuals with substance use disorders and those experiencing mental health crises, or uninsured or underinsured individuals, all Wisconsinites deserve access to quality, affordable mental and behavioral healthcare services; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin has been proud to advance and support innovative solutions to address the need for increased mental health resources and services, including the Get Kids Ahead initiative and other measures that address student mental health in K-12 schools; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms that mental and behavioral healthcare is healthcare and reminds all Wisconsinites that, now more than ever, individuals have a responsibility to promote our shared values of kindness, empathy, and respect, take good care of themselves, as well as family, friends, and neighbors, and work to eliminate the stigma that too often prevents individuals from seeking much-needed mental health support;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 10 2022 as

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH 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 October 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State