

WHEREAS; according to the World Health Organization, asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) are two of the most common types of chronic respiratory diseases, and the far-reaching effects of these diseases—with asthma affecting 262 million people and COPD being the third leading cause of death worldwide—underscore the importance of the work done by respiratory care practitioners; and

WHEREAS; among other responsibilities, respiratory care practitioners manage ventilators in intensive care units, perform cardiopulmonary function tests used to diagnose lung and heart disease, and provide patient education and smoking cessation counseling; and

WHEREAS; especially in the context of the global fight against COVID-19, the work for respiratory care practitioners has never been more important; and

WHEREAS; this occasion serves as an opportunity to raise public awareness of pulmonary diseases and recognize the dedicated professionals who deliver respiratory care in hospitals, emergency departments, and home care settings across Wisconsin; and


WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin celebrates the respiratory care practitioners working throughout the state for their dedication to patient care and their numerous contributions to the well-being of all Wisconsinites;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 23 – 29, 2022, as

RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK

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 11th day of October 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State