

WHEREAS; according to the World Health Organization, chronic lower respiratory disease—which includes several groups of lung disease, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and asthma—is among the leading causes of death worldwide; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin is committed to ensuring the health of all Wisconsinites and, especially in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, a renewed focus on respiratory health has never been more important; 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; respiratory care practitioners are recognized as one of the most vital and progressive segments of our state’s healthcare delivery system, and continue to play a crucial role in patient care and in the global fight against COVID-19; 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 homecare settings across Wisconsin; and


WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin celebrates the respiratory care practitioners working throughout our 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 24 through 30, 2021, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State