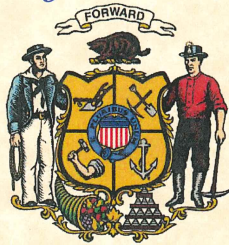


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; the number of direct care workers required to meet the needs of Wisconsin residents is projected to increase by 20,000 workers by 2026; and

WHEREAS; a shortage of formal, paid caregivers and direct care workers in our state has resulted in persistent vacancies in care facilities and the inability to provide sufficient services to people with disabilities, older adults, and their families; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin families provide the majority of caregiving in our state, as approximately 578,000 family caregivers provide an estimated 538 million hours of unpaid care each year; and

WHEREAS; caregivers perform a variety of complex tasks, ranging from bathing, dressing, medication management, coordinating services, providing financial assistance, and performing medical or nursing tasks; and

WHEREAS; in addition to providing care to their loved ones, family caregivers often struggle to meet their own personal and occupational needs, as well as the needs of others in their households; and

WHEREAS; the Governor's Task Force on Caregiving is charged with making recommendations to address Wisconsin's caregiving and direct care workforce shortage, analyze strategies to attract and retain a strong direct care workforce, and support families providing caregiving supports and services; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin is committed to expanding services that support the enhancement of caregiving throughout our state, and recognizes the innumerable contributions and sacrifices family caregivers have made in service to the health and well-being of friends and family members;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim November 2019 as

FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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 25th day of October 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas LaFollette".
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State