

WHEREAS; Alzheimer’s disease is a debilitating condition that causes the death of brain cells resulting in the symptoms of dementia, including memory loss and confusion; and

WHEREAS; approximately 120,000 Wisconsinites are living with some form of dementia and, while treatments to prevent or halt the progression of Alzheimer’s disease are not yet available, leaders in the field of Alzheimer’s disease research are making advances in our understanding of the disease in the search for a cure; and

WHEREAS; Alzheimer’s disease most commonly affects older adults, but can also affect people in middle age, and we recognize the impact that providing care and support can have on the physical and mental health of family members, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS; First Lady Kathy Evers has made raising awareness and understanding of Alzheimer’s disease and dementia a priority for her work and, in 2019, worked with the local Aging and Disability Resource Center to help the Executive Residence become a “Dementia Friendly” space for all who visit; and

WHEREAS; in September 2020, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) became one of 15 public health programs across our country to be awarded the Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure for Alzheimer’s Disease grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS; in partnership with organizations that represent numerous arms of public health, DHS is using this grant to develop and enhance public health strategies for risk prevention, timely diagnosis, disease management, and caregiver support; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all who are currently living with the disease, their loved ones, and their caregivers in embracing hope for the development of new and innovative approaches to address Alzheimer’s disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim November 2020 as

ALZHEIMER’S AWARENESS MONTH

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 5th day of November 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State