

WHEREAS; home care, palliative care, and hospice services provide for the health and social needs of folks throughout the life cycle, serving expectant mothers, infants and children, adults with and without disabilities, and older adults, and supporting families by easing caregiver burdens and helping to alleviate the costs of institutional care; and

WHEREAS; home care, palliative care, and hospice services enable people to receive quality health and social services in their own homes or places of residence, providing comfort to patients and their families, and preserving quality of life, dignity, and independence; and

WHEREAS; these high-quality services are delivered by an interdisciplinary team of physicians, nurses, social workers, pharmacists, therapists, psychological and spiritual counselors, trained community volunteers, and more; and

WHEREAS; home care is the preferred method of healthcare delivery among seriously ill individuals wishing to live independently as long as possible, with more than 5 million Americans receiving home care each year; and

WHEREAS; palliative care is specialized medical care for people with a serious illness that focuses on providing relief from the symptoms and stress of the illness for both the patient and their family; and

WHEREAS; hospice is palliative care for people at the end of life that centers on providing love, comfort, and support for patients and their families during the final stages of an illness, and often includes grief support for families after a loved one has passed; and

WHEREAS; timely access to hospice and palliative care can decrease hospitalizations and emergency department visits, and increase quality of life for patients and family caregivers; and

WHEREAS; providing high-quality home care, palliative care, and hospice services reaffirms our belief in the essential dignity of every person, and the right of all people to be treated with the utmost respect and care, regardless of age, health, or social status; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in recognizing the numerous contributions of home care, palliative care, and hospice services and their providers to quality of life across our state;

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

HOME CARE, PALLIATIVE CARE, AND HOSPICE 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 12th day of November 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State