

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's family caregivers and direct care workforce provide critical services that promote the well-being and enhance the quality of life of our state's most vulnerable populations, including children, individuals with disabilities, and older adults; and

WHEREAS; family caregivers perform a variety of complex tasks, including bathing, dressing, medication management, coordinating services, financial assistance, and various medical or nursing tasks; and

WHEREAS; in addition to providing care to their loved ones, many family caregivers struggle to meet their own personal and occupational needs, as well as the needs of others in their households, and we recognize that they also require support to stay healthy; and

WHEREAS; the direct care workforce in our state is facing a shortage that negatively impacts the ability of Wisconsin's families to obtain the care they need, with a significant number of caregiving positions going unfilled each year; and

WHEREAS; even in the context of the healthcare workforce shortage, compounded by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Wisconsin's family caregivers have gone above and beyond to serve our state's most vulnerable individuals over the past year and a half, often providing care without any breaks and putting their own health, employment, and finances on the backburner; and

WHEREAS; resources and services to support family caregivers are available statewide through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and through local aging and disability resource centers, and on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to expanding these supports and to ensuring that all Wisconsinites who depend on the services of family caregivers have access to affordable, quality care that allows them to live with dignity and respect; and


WHEREAS; this month provides all Wisconsinites with the opportunity to celebrate caregivers across our state for their innumerable contributions and sacrifices 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 2021 as

## **FAMILY CAREGIVER 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State