

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*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 aged 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's disease and, while treatments to prevent or halt the progression of the disease are not yet available, leaders in the field of Alzheimer's disease research are making advances in our understanding of the disease and in the search for a cure; and

*WHEREAS*; one in three older adults who passes away in the United States has Alzheimer's disease or some form of dementia, making it a leading cause of death for older adults in our nation; and

*WHEREAS*; 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 especially the approximately 196,000 unpaid and family caregivers in Wisconsin who provide a total of 204,000,000 hours of care to our state's dementia patients each year; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsinites are committed to raising awareness and funds for Alzheimer's disease research through involvement in advocacy and fundraising efforts, including the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's; and

*WHEREAS*; First Lady Kathy Evers has made raising awareness of Alzheimer's disease and dementia a priority for her work and, in 2019, worked with the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Dane County to help the Executive Residence achieve official designation as 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 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 dedicated individuals and organizations across our state, including our state's network of ADRCs and the Wisconsin Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, and 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 2021 as


## ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to the 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State

