

WHEREAS; Alzheimer's disease is a progressive and debilitating condition that causes the deterioration of brain cells and results in the symptoms of dementia, which include memory loss and confusion; and

WHEREAS; according to the Alzheimer's Association, 120,000 Wisconsinites aged 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's disease, and 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 the nation; and

WHEREAS; while Alzheimer's disease currently has no cure, certain treatments are available that may decelerate the disease's progression, and leaders in the field of Alzheimer's disease research are continuously making advances in society's understanding of the disease and in the search for improved treatments and a cure; and

WHEREAS; providing care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease can have a profound impact on the physical and mental health of family members, friends, and loved ones, and especially the approximately 198,000 unpaid and family caregivers in Wisconsin who provide a total of 206 million hours of care to the state's dementia patients each year, according to the Alzheimer's Association; and

WHEREAS; it is essential to recognize that supporting caregivers, including unpaid and familial caregivers, goes hand-in-hand with upholding the health and wellness of individuals with Alzheimer's disease, as well as all Wisconsinites; 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 the first time; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all who are currently living with Alzheimer's disease, their loved ones, their caregivers, and dedicated advocates and organizations across the state, including the Wisconsin Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and the state's network of ADRCs, in encouraging continued research and 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 2022 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 28th day of October 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State