WHEREAS; the American Cancer Society estimates that, by the end of this year, 60,430 people across our country will have been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and 48,220 will have died from the disease; and

WHEREAS; pancreatic cancer is the third leading cause of cancer death in the United States, accounting for approximately three percent of all cancers and seven percent of all cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS; the average lifetime risk of pancreatic cancer is about one in 64, and while the risk of developing pancreatic cancer increases as a person ages, adults of any age can be diagnosed with the disease; and

WHEREAS; while pancreatic cancer can be treated if it is caught early enough, by the time symptoms start presenting themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin joins patients, advocates, and organizations across our state and throughout our country in raising awareness about pancreatic cancer to encourage the funding of research into early detection, causes, and effective treatment; and

WHEREAS; today, we recognize all those who are battling pancreatic cancer, those who have lost their lives to this disease, and their healthcare providers and loved ones who are committed to nothing less than a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2021, as

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS DAY

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 2021.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State