

WHEREAS; public health workers in Wisconsin have gone above and beyond as leaders in the fight against COVID-19, updating public health guidance, providing accurate data, and addressing concerns about the disproportionate impacts the coronavirus pandemic has had on communities of color so that all Wisconsinites can stay safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS; among their innumerable contributions to society over the past century and beyond, public health workers have also played a critical role in increasing average life expectancy from approximately 50 years in 1900 to nearly 80 years now, an increase of more than 60 percent according to data from the Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS; public health workers have long played a leading role in helping to reduce tobacco use, prevent heart disease, promote treatments and early detection of cancer, raise awareness about prevention tools and treatments for HIV/AIDS, promote early childhood health and nutrition, and establish the benefits of drinking water fluoridation leading to improvements in oral health; and

WHEREAS; public health workers are dedicated to reducing infant mortality, ensuring that families are immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases, tracking infectious diseases, promoting mental health and injury prevention, helping communities prepare for natural disasters, advancing equity efforts to reduce health disparities, and so much more; and

WHEREAS; in addition to their extraordinary work under ordinary circumstances, public health workers dedicate their time and energy to combat public health crises, such as the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, whenever they arise; and

WHEREAS; despite these times of crisis and uncertainty, Wisconsin's public health workers have remained committed to protecting healthcare and long-term care systems, and have even helped to secure additional support, resources, and guidance for these systems; and

WHEREAS; advancing public health requires collective action and no one can do it alone, and public health workers are leaders in creating partnerships with the business community, local and state government, community organizations, and local schools to improve the conditions that lead to better health for all; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in expressing our deepest gratitude to Wisconsin's public health heroes for their unwavering dedication to and continued support for building a healthier, more resilient Wisconsin for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim November 21 2022 as

PUBLIC HEALTH THANK YOU 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 28th day of October 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State