

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; peripartum cardiomyopathy (PPCM) is a condition that develops in women during pregnancy or in the months following childbirth, and is characterized by the weakness or failure of the heart; and

*WHEREAS*; despite heart disease being a leading, if not the leading, cause of death in pregnant or postpartum women nationwide, PPCM is often misdiagnosed due to a lack of awareness in the medical community and in the general public; and

*WHEREAS*; the lack of an early and accurate diagnosis of this condition has potentially deadly consequences for women who develop PPCM; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsinites know that we cannot have healthy communities without healthy women and healthy babies; and

*WHEREAS*; our state is committed to ensuring quality healthcare for our women and healthy beginnings for our kids, which requires spreading awareness of PPCM; and

*WHEREAS*; the state of Wisconsin stands by survivors of peripartum cardiomyopathy, and joins PPCM advocacy groups in spreading awareness of the condition;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 10 – 16, 2020, as


## PERIPARTUM CARDIOMYOPATHY AWARENESS WEEK

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2020.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State