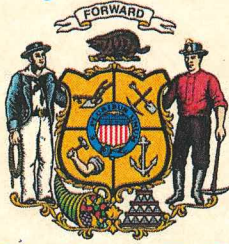


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; the Affordable Care Act was signed into law by President Barack Obama on March 23, 2010; and

*WHEREAS*; more than 17 million Americans gained access to health insurance under the Affordable Care Act, drastically changing the American health care system for the benefit of all citizens; and

*WHEREAS*; the Affordable Care Act empowers healthier lives by ensuring all Americans have access to affordable, comprehensive healthcare, including coverage for preventive care, prescription drugs, vaccines, maternity and newborn care, family planning services, and life-saving cancer screenings; and

*WHEREAS*; accepting federal funds to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act would help Wisconsin cover 82,000 more people and save taxpayers more than \$320 million that can be reinvested into healthcare initiatives that improve the health and well-being of all Wisconsinites; and

*WHEREAS*; the Affordable Care Act was revolutionary in preventing insurance companies from discriminating against people with pre-existing conditions and charging women more for care simply because they are women; and

*WHEREAS*; the Affordable Care Act is critical to holding down healthcare costs for individuals and families by preventing insurance companies from placing yearly or lifetime limits on coverage for essential health benefits; and

*WHEREAS*; attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act will put coverage at risk for millions of Americans; and

*WHEREAS*; pursuant to the governor's direction, the state of Wisconsin will no longer participate in litigation against the Affordable Care Act, and on March 21, 2019 filed a motion to withdraw from *Texas v. United States*; and

*WHEREAS*; Executive Order #4 directs state agencies to preserve insurance protections by developing plans to protect against attempts to undermine the Affordable Care Act marketplace, protect consumers with pre-existing conditions, and enhance health plan affordability;

NOW, *THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 23, 2019 as

## AFFORDABLE CARE ACT DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2019.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State