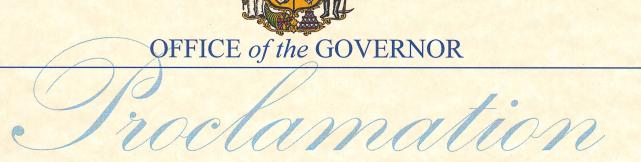
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WHEREAS; excessive alcohol consumption is a public health and safety concern costing Wisconsin residents \$6.8 billion annually in lost productivity, health care, criminal justice, and crime, and imposing profound negative effects on individuals, families, communities, and employers; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin continues to have one of the highest adult binge drinking rates in the nation; and

WHEREAS; children who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who delay alcohol use until age 21; and

WHEREAS; alcohol and other substance use and addiction is a key priority in Wisconsin's state health plan, Healthiest Wisconsin 2020; and

WHEREAS; health care professionals can effectively screen for and identify alcohol use disorders during annual check-ups and periodic health evaluations; and

WHEREAS; all Wisconsin residents can help prevent and reduce excessive alcohol use by supporting enforcement of minimum legal drinking age laws, and assisting our neighbors and family members in recovery;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as

## **ALCOHOL AWARENESS and SCREENING MONTH**

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

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
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Secretary of State

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 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR