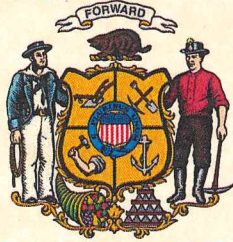


STATE of WISCONSIN



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Proclamation

WHEREAS; esophageal cancer is one of the fastest growing cancer diagnoses in the United States, increasing more than 600% in the past 35 years and kills one American every 36 minutes; and

WHEREAS; esophageal cancer is among the deadliest of cancers, with fewer than one in five patients surviving five years; and

WHEREAS; esophageal cancer has low survival rates because it is usually discovered at advanced stages when treatment outcomes are poor; and

WHEREAS; persistent heartburn or gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) most often causes Esophageal Cancer, yet many who are at risk are unaware of the potential danger GERD can present when it occurs over several weeks or months; and

WHEREAS; esophageal cancer can be a silent killer with patients often unaware that the cough, hoarse voice, sore throat or chest pain they suffer can be signs of GERD and are reasons to discuss screening for esophageal cancer with their health care professional; and

WHEREAS; esophageal cancer can develop from GERD when fluids from the stomach splash up to create cellular change in the esophagus resulting in a precancerous condition known as Barrett's Esophagus which can lead to a 25-fold increase in a patient's risk of developing Esophageal Cancer; and

WHEREAS; early detection of its precursor, Barrett's Esophagus, which can be treated with curative outpatient techniques, can prevent esophageal cancer; and

WHEREAS; The Esophageal Cancer Action Network, ECAN, is working to improve public awareness of the link between heartburn and cancer and supports progress in early detection and treatment of esophageal cancer; and


WHEREAS; esophageal cancer awareness along with improvements in prevention. Early detection and treatment strategies will enhance the health and well-being of all Americans;

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

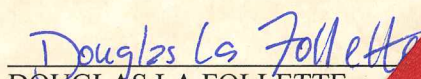
ESOPHAGEAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state of Wisconsin. I recommend 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 29th day of March 2019.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

