WHEREAS, like all citizens of Wisconsin, aging and older adults and people with disabilities desire to live with dignity and security and to maintain maximum independence and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the growth of the aging population, coupled with the rising cost of health and long-term care, creates an imperative to make efficient and effective use of personal and public resources; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin was the first state to develop Aging and Disability Resource Centers, beginning in 1998, and provided the model for a nationwide initiative that began in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Aging and Disability Resource Centers are welcoming and accessible places where aging and older adults and people with disabilities can obtain objective, reliable information and advice about their options, and simplified access to appropriate services and supports; and

WHEREAS, by assisting individuals and families make more informed choices, Aging and Disability Resource Centers help people conserve their personal resources, maintain self-sufficiency, and delay or prevent the need for public resources and potentially expensive long-term care;

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

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER MONTH

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 19th day of April 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State