WHEREAS: Preeclampsia, including HELLP (hemolysis, elevated liver enzymes, low platelet count) syndrome and eclampsia, is a dangerous condition of pregnancy that can, in its severest form, lead to maternal and infant mortality or premature birth with significant health risks for the mother and baby; and

WHEREAS: as many as 320,000 cases of preeclampsia are diagnosed in the United States every year with approximately twenty-five percent resulting in severe, life-threatening consequences to pregnant women and their babies; and

WHEREAS: public education about the signs and symptoms of preeclampsia, HELLP syndrome, and eclampsia can help women recognize symptoms such as spikes in maternal blood pressure, sudden swelling of the face and hands, severe upper abdominal pain, blurred vision, persistent headaches, and breathlessness, and can encourage them to seek appropriate medical care; and

WHEREAS: many citizens of Wisconsin have joined with the Preeclampsia Foundation to raise public awareness in order to minimize maternal and infant illness and death due to preeclampsia;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 27, 2019 as

PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all 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 27th day of May 2019.

[Signature]
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

[Signature]
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State