WHEREAS, vitiligo is an autoimmune disease, causing loss of pigment from areas of the skin, resulting in irregular white spots or patches; and

WHEREAS, vitiligo affects about one percent of the population, can start at any age, and affects both genders and all races and ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, vitiligo is not contagious in any way, and although the condition is not usually physically painful, the psychological and social effects are well-documented and can be especially devastating to children; and

WHEREAS, there is very little funding for vitiligo research to better understand the disease and develop new treatments; and

WHEREAS, June 25th is recognized as World Vitiligo Day by individuals and groups around the world to help raise awareness about the condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 25, 2019 as

WORLD VITILIGO 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 19th day of June 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State