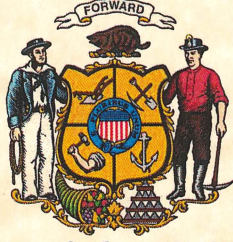


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; our servicemembers of the United States Armed Forces who proudly serve or have served the United States deserve support and investments ensuring their lasting physical, mental, and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS; severe post-traumatic stress injury is a disabling wound to the brain, which can occur following exposure to combat as well as other extremely traumatic events, such as interpersonal violence, life-threatening accidents, or natural disasters; and

WHEREAS; post-traumatic stress has historically been viewed as a mental illness caused by a pre-existing flaw in the individual's brain or character and the term "Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder" carries a stigma that perpetuates this misconception; and

WHEREAS; referring to post-traumatic stress injury as a disorder perpetuates the stigma of and bias against mental illness and the stigma discourages those suffering from post-traumatic stress from seeking proper and timely medical treatment; and

WHEREAS; working to destigmatize post-traumatic stress injuries can favorably influence those affected and encourage them to seek help without fear of retribution or shame and receive proper and timely treatment that can diminish suicide rates;

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

POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURY 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 10th day of June 2019.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State