

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, with more than 20 million Americans living with a substance use disorder (SUD), the disease of addiction affects all communities nationwide and does not discriminate; and

WHEREAS, only one in 10 people with an addiction receives treatment, but by seeking help and receiving quality treatment, people with addiction can enjoy life in recovery; and

WHEREAS, the impact of SUDs is apparent in Wisconsin, with an estimated 1,074 people dying from a drug overdose in 2016, and an average of at least 1,706 people die from an alcohol-related issue every year in the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Addiction Treatment Awareness Week, April 23 – 29, 2018, helps people become more aware that addiction can affect our family, friends, coworkers, partners, and community, and creates awareness, decreases the shame and stigma associated with this disease, and encourages those with addiction to seek quality treatment; and

WHEREAS, Addiction Treatment Awareness Week observance continues to improve the lives of those affected by addiction by raising awareness that addiction is a disease, not a moral failing, promotes treatment for the disease of addiction, and focuses on the need for all medical professionals to treat addiction and save lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim the week of April 23 – 29, 2018 as

ADDICTION TREATMENT AWARENESS WEEK


throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
herunto 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 8th day of March 2018.


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State