

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; our state has made great progress in preventing youth tobacco use, but the issues of underage smoking and vaping persist, especially with the move from traditional cigarettes to flavored cigars and e-cigarettes; and

*WHEREAS*; while state and federal law prohibits the sale of tobacco and vapor products to underage persons, many of these products continue to target youth; and

*WHEREAS*; 2022 marks 27 years of education and training through the “We Card” Program, a national non-profit organization that helps retailers comply with age restricted product laws and serve their communities as responsible retailers; and

*WHEREAS*; “We Card” Awareness Month is a retail education and training effort to boost awareness of and participation in responsible retailing efforts to identify, prevent, and deny tobacco, vapor, and other age-restricted product sales to underage youth; and

*WHEREAS*; on this occasion, retailers across Wisconsin are reminded that in-store training and education materials, online training programs, and a mystery shopping service—“ID Check-Up”—are all available to them through the “We Card” website; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to supporting a responsible retailing community that successfully prevents tobacco, vapor product, and other age-restricted product sales to minors for the benefit of all our state’s kids and families;

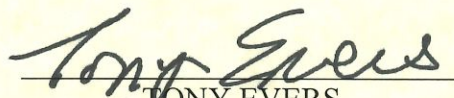
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 2022, as

## “WE CARD” AWARENESS MONTH

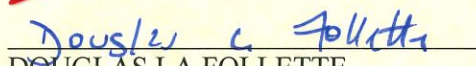
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.



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 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By \_\_\_\_\_ Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State