

The State of Wisconsin



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the United States and worldwide; and

WHEREAS, glaucoma currently affects approximately 3 million people in the United States and 65 million people worldwide — numbers that can be expected to increase as the population ages; and

WHEREAS, most people with glaucoma are unaware they have it until there is a large amount of irreversible vision loss; and

WHEREAS, glaucoma is six to eight times more common in African-Americans than Caucasians, and the older age group of the Hispanic population is also at increased risk for developing glaucoma; and

WHEREAS, people over the age of 60 are six times more likely to develop glaucoma; and
WHEREAS, glaucoma accounts for more than seven million physician visits each year; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of World Glaucoma Week will would serve to underscore Wisconsin's commitment to eye health and highlight the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science's dedication to the goals of World Glaucoma Week by raising public awareness of the disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 3-9, 2008

WORLD GLAUCOMA WEEK

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

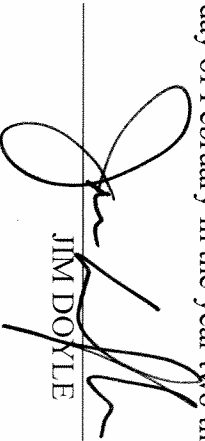


By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State

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 thirteenth day of February in the year two thousand eight.


JIM DOYLE