



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Wisconsin recognize the critical and indispensable role long-term care workers serve in maintaining the health, safety, and well-being of persons with disabilities and the elderly residents of this state; and

WHEREAS, long-term care workers provide life enhancing care, programs, education, medicines, and emotional support to the elderly and persons with disabilities; and to their families; and

WHEREAS, the recognition and compensation of long-term care workers should reflect their contributions to our society; and

WHEREAS, the long-term care workers of this state deserve acknowledgement of their dedicated efforts in both tangible and intangible ways; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin's current commitment to restructuring of its long-term care delivery system to maximize an individual's choice of services, providers, and care-settings cannot be realized without dramatic expansion in the availability and skills of its dedicated caregiver workforce; and

WHEREAS, all Wisconsin residents share a common responsibility to assure that the current and future caregivers for its most vulnerable citizens are not deprived of the recognition, support and respect they so richly deserve; and

WHEREAS, I call upon representatives of the private sector long-term care provider community to take steps to continue to improve the status and career opportunities available to long-term care workers in all areas of long-term care delivery; and

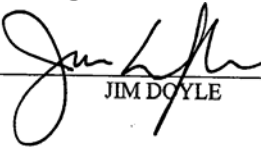
WHEREAS, I call upon all related agencies of state government to continue to take steps to identify and implement practices and procedures which will positively affect long-term care workers and the services they provide;


NOW THEREFORE I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the month of **June 2008** as

LONG-TERM CAREGIVER MONTH

and, I commend the observance of this month to all citizens of Wisconsin that they might properly honor the work performed by long-term care workers.

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 fifth day of May in the year two thousand eight.


JIM DOYLE

By the Governor

DOUGLAS LAPLANTE
Secretary of State

Wisconsin Long Term Care Givers

TAKING CARE...

TOUCHING LIVES...

MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Through their efforts and compassion, Wisconsin's long term care givers provide supportive services to thousands of Wisconsin's elderly and disabled citizens. We pay tribute to the over 70,000 direct care workers - from certified nursing assistants, to home health aides, to personal caregivers - whose care and devotion make a difference in the lives of so many.



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