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[CITY / COUNTY / STATE] PROCLAMATION

Recognizing November as National Family Caregivers Month in Wisconsin

WHEREAS, family caregivers are the backbone of Wisconsin's long-term care system, providing critical and compassionate support that allows loved ones to remain in their homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin, an estimated **578,000 family caregivers** provide care to aging parents, spouses, children, relatives, friends, and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, these caregivers collectively provide more than 538 million hours of unpaid care each year, often around-the-clock, helping with personal care, managing medications, transportation, and complex medical tasks; and

WHEREAS, the estimated economic value of this unpaid care is \$9.2 billion annually in Wisconsin, based on an average care rate of \$16.97/hour [Family Caregivers in Wisconsin Provide \$9.2 Billion in Unpaid Care to Loved Ones]; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers also face personal financial burdens, with the average caregiver spending more than \$7,000 per year out of pocket on caregiving expenses; and

WHEREAS, nearly three-quarters (75%) of Wisconsin caregivers are in the workforce, striving to balance paid employment with caregiving responsibilities, often at risk to their own health, well-being, and financial security; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers are the backbone of Wisconsin's long-term care system and deserve recognition, respect, and support for the vital role they play in strengthening families, communities, and our healthcare system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [MAYOR / COUNTY EXECUTIVE / GOVERNOR] of [JURISDICTION], do hereby proclaim November 2025 as National Family Caregivers Month in [CITY / COUNTY / STATE], and call upon all residents to:

- Honor and thank family caregivers for their dedication and sacrifices;
- Support local and statewide programs that assist caregivers, and

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 Work together to strengthen policies and resources that allow caregivers to continue their invaluable contributions to Wisconsin families and communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of [JURISDICTION] to be affixed this [DAY] of [MONTH], [YEAR].

[Signature] [Name], [Title]

