

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that approximately half a million *C. difficile* infections (CDI) occur per year that require hospital treatment or affect those already hospitalized; and

*WHEREAS*; studies indicate that CDI has become the most common microbial cause of health care associated infections in U.S. hospitals and costs up to \$4.8 billion each year in excess health-care costs for acute care facilities alone; and

*WHEREAS*; one-out-of-every-five patients with a health-care associated CDI infection experiences a recurrence of the infection and one-out-of-every-nine patients aged 65 or older with a health-care associated CDI died within 30 days of diagnosis; and

*WHEREAS*; health-care facilities employ dedicated professionals who advocate for improving health and promoting patient and staff safety to minimize and prevent CDI; and

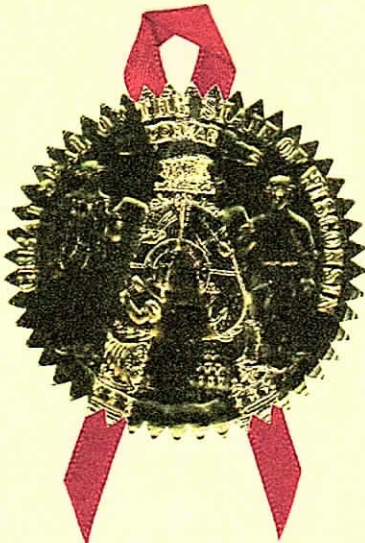
*WHEREAS*; improved health practices such as thorough hand hygiene and environmental cleaning can significantly reduce the risk and spread of CDI; and

*WHEREAS*; ensuring the education of health-care workers on proper infection prevention techniques is proven to reduce all types of health-care associated infections; and

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim November 2017 as

### CDI AWARENESS MONTH

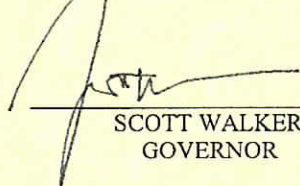
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



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 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR