

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; the State of Wisconsin and the more than 2,800 respiratory therapists in our state have long been concerned about the respiratory health of our citizens; and

*WHEREAS*; chronic lung diseases, known collectively as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), is now the third leading cause of death in the United States, and the only chronic disease with a rising death rate; and

*WHEREAS*; more than 800,000 people in Wisconsin have been diagnosed with some form of COPD with a similar number undiagnosed; and

*WHEREAS*; awareness, early detection and treatment are crucial to the prevention of lung disease or, at least, slowing its spread; and

*WHEREAS*; the citizens of Wisconsin deserve the opportunity to grow, thrive, be healthy and be informed and aware of their respiratory health and of the factors that affect their health;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 2011, as

### CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD) AWARENESS MONTH

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



by the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
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 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2011.

*Scott Walker*  
SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR