



## *Executive Proclamation*

*WHEREAS*, Social isolation and loneliness is a persisting problem in many communities, including those within Milwaukee County, and social isolation and loneliness has only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

*WHEREAS*, Research has shown that despite social isolation and loneliness effecting people of all ages and backgrounds, older people, people with disabilities, and those with intersecting marginalized identities are more likely to experience high levels of loneliness; and

*WHEREAS*, According to a 2020 report by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, social isolation and loneliness are significant public health risks, and have been linked to increased cardiovascular risk, increased depressive symptoms, cognitive decline, and higher morbidity and mortality. Additional symptoms of social isolation include an increased risk of abuse and neglect among older adults and people with disabilities; and

*WHEREAS*, Milwaukee County's vision states that by achieving racial equity, Milwaukee County will be the healthiest county in Wisconsin. In keeping with this vision, we join in raising awareness and engaging in interventions which continue to reduce social isolation and loneliness, especially among our communities which have traditionally been left behind; and

*WHEREAS*, Milwaukee County joins the State of Wisconsin in a continued commitment to supporting residents who are experiencing social isolation and loneliness, especially older adults, people with disabilities, and those with intersecting marginalized identities, as we continue to work to create intentional inclusion, bridge the gap, and invest in equity; now, therefore

*I, DAVID CROWLEY*, County Executive of Milwaukee County, do hereby proclaim November 13, 2022, and the days that follow to be

## *Social Isolation and Loneliness Week*

throughout Milwaukee County and encourage Milwaukee County residents to join together in both combatting and raising awareness of the effects social isolation and loneliness.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Crowley".

David Crowley  
Milwaukee County Executive