



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A COMMENDATION

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin and the efforts of its Governors, Agencies, the Legislature and the University of Wisconsin have improved the policy environment for cancer pain management in the State; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has been awarded a grade of "A" for its balanced drug control and professional practice laws, regulations and official policy statements governing pain management; and

WHEREAS, relief from pain is increasingly being recognized as a fundamental human right; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and the International Narcotics Control Board have recognized that most people in the world with cancer or HIV/AIDS lack access to opioid medicines that are considered essential for the relief of severe pain, and that there are a number of impediments to access including drug control policies; and

WHEREAS, the Pain & Policy Studies Group, in the Paul P. Carbone Comprehensive Cancer Center of the School of Medicine and Public Health, is a World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Policy and Communications in Cancer Care; and

WHEREAS, from June 16-20 2008, the Pain & Policy Studies Group is sponsoring an International Pain Policy Fellowship for leaders in cancer and AIDS pain management and palliative care from seven countries in Asia, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, Latin America and Sub Saharan Africa to learn about methods to improve national policies and access to pain relief medicines; and

WHEREAS, the Fellows are accompanied by representatives from their Ministries of Health, who have come to Wisconsin to learn how their governments can achieve balanced national drug control and regulatory policies to improve access to pain relief medicines;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM DOYLE, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby commend the Pain & Policy Studies Group and its International Expert Collaborators for establishing the International Pain Policy Fellowship; and

FURTHERMORE, I welcome the delegates from Armenia, Georgia, Guatemala, Jamaica, Kenya, Moldova and Nepal to the State of Wisconsin; I commend you for your humanitarian commitment to the relief of pain and suffering, and for your efforts to apply your new knowledge to improve access to pain relief medicines in your countries.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Privy Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this sixteenth day of June in the year two thousand eight.


JIM DOYLE