



# WISCONSIN HEALTHIEST STATE — INITIATIVE —

## **Racism is a Public Health Crisis in Wisconsin**

### **Declaration Sign-On**

[wiracismdeclaration.org](http://wiracismdeclaration.org)

In October 2017, the Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH) Group, of the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, convened statewide partners at the inaugural Healthiest State Agenda Setting Meeting, as part of the Wisconsin Healthiest State Initiative. The convening supported the collective identification of six statewide health equity priorities, one of which was to declare racism a public health emergency.

In May 2018, the Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) passed a resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis in Wisconsin and committed to taking action. Building on this work, the Racism Declaration workgroup, which was comprised of several partner organizations, worked to transfer the WPHA resolution content to an online declaration that others can sign.

**Organizations and individuals are encouraged to visit the URL above to sign on to the declaration and commit to actions that are tailored to their specific contexts.**

As of September 18, 2019, the following organizations have signed on to the *Racism is a Public Health Crisis in Wisconsin Declaration*:

- Access Community Health Centers
- AES Consulting Firm
- Dane County Health Council
- Group Health Cooperative of South Central Wisconsin
- healthTIDE
- Kids Forward
- Madison Metropolitan School District
- Maroon Calabash
- Meadowood Health Partnership
- Milwaukee County
- Milwaukee Men's Health Referral Network
- Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH), UW Population Health Institute
- Public Health Madison and Dane County
- SSM Health – St. Mary's Hospital
- UBUNTU Research & Evaluation
- United Way of Dane County
- Unity Point Health – Meriter
- University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute
- UW Health
- Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health
- Wisconsin Mujer, LLC
- Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA)