

WHEREAS; according to the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries, approximately 175 women are newly diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer in Wisconsin, and 50 die from the disease each year; and

WHEREAS; cervical cancer was formerly one of the leading causes of cancer death for women in the United States, but increases in vaccination rates and increased awareness of the necessity of regular screenings have made the disease highly preventable and treatable; and

WHEREAS; the human papillomavirus (HPV) has been identified as the leading cause of cervical cancer, and the HPV vaccine, along with regular screenings, are effective tools to prevent the disease and detect it early; and

WHEREAS; while cervical cancer can affect anyone with a cervix, the disease disproportionately affects underserved communities that too often lack access to healthcare services and education on preventive healthcare options; and

WHEREAS; committed to reducing barriers to healthcare access, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services runs programs, including the Reproductive Health and Family Planning Program, which provides primary prevention and cervical health screening, the Wisconsin Well Woman Program, which provides cervical cancer screenings, and the Vaccines for Children Program, which provides eligible children with access to vaccines, including the HPV vaccine; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin honors those whose lives have been affected by cervical cancer and joins survivors, advocates, and organizations across the state and country in working to raise awareness of cervical cancer and the importance of cervical health, reduce the stigma that surrounds seeking cervical health services, and expand access to preventive tools, screening, education, and treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim January 2025 as

CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 27th day of December 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State