

WHEREAS; according to the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries, approximately 184 women are newly diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer in Wisconsin, and 51 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*; through research, advocacy, and increased public awareness, advances have been made in the fight against cervical cancer, and increased rates of early detection can be achieved through primary prevention, cervical health screenings, follow-up on abnormal pap smears, and access to the human papillomavirus (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 2026 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State