

WHEREAS; WHEREAS; lasting from August 2, 1990, to February 28, 1991, the Gulf War was a coalition effort led by the United States against Iraq in response to the occupation of Kuwait; and

WHEREAS; this year marks the 35th anniversary of Operation Desert Storm, the Gulf War's major combat mission, which began on January 17, 1991; and

WHEREAS; according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, many Gulf War veterans have experienced a wide range of medically unexplained chronic illnesses and symptoms presumptively connected to their service; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in recognizing and honoring the brave members of the U.S. Armed Forces who suffer illnesses as a result of their service in the Gulf War;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim January 17 2026 as

## **GULF WAR ILLNESSES RECOGNITION DAY**

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