

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; whether through art, science, business, politics, or any other field or facet of society, Black Wisconsinites have played a pivotal role in the development of the state, bolstering the state's culture and economy and helping to make Wisconsin the state it is today; and

*WHEREAS*; recognized during the month of February, Black History Month is a celebration of the countless contributions of Black Americans throughout the state and nation's history, as well as an opportunity to reflect on and recognize the collective struggle for full citizenship, equity, inclusion, and justice that Black Americans have endured and continue to endure to this day; and

*WHEREAS*; as designated by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, this year's Black History Month theme is "A Century of Black History Commemorations," highlighting the origins and 100 year progression of this annual observance and inviting Americans to reflect on how a century of commemoration has shaped the understanding of the lives, identities, and contributions of Black Americans; and

*WHEREAS*; reflecting on the collective past of the state and nation, it is clear that the experiences, crimes, and struggles of our ancestors cannot be separated from modern history, and that many of the injustices and inequities that Black Americans have historically endured have nevertheless remained deeply entrenched in U.S. culture and institutions; and

*WHEREAS*; during Black History Month and every month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to working alongside community leaders and activists to build a future that is more just, fair, and equitable and that works for everyone, celebrates everyone, and welcomes everyone, and to find strength in unity to overcome the divides and disparities that so often hold communities back; and

*WHEREAS*; by recognizing the achievements and contributions of Black Americans this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating Black history and Black excellence, in demanding justice and equality for Black lives across the state and country, and in honoring the important work being done in Wisconsin's communities to create a more inclusive, equitable, and just state for all, where every kid, family, and community can thrive;

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

## BLACK HISTORY 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 21st day  
of January 2026.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State