

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; the city of Sun Prairie is home to “Jimmy the Groundhog” and is often regarded as the “Groundhog Capital of the World”; and

*WHEREAS*; since Sun Prairie’s first Groundhog Day event in 1948, hundreds of radio stations, television stations, newspapers, and people throughout North America have made the yearly journey to Sun Prairie to seek Jimmy’s winter weather predictions; and

*WHEREAS*; for more than 75 years, Jimmy’s weather predictions have assisted in the planning of travel, recreation, and agricultural planting programs, and have provided a fun tradition for the people of Wisconsin and beyond to enjoy;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim February 2, 2026, as

### GROUNDHOG DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance  
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 16th day of January 2026.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State