

WHEREAS; observed annually on February 14, National Donor Day highlights the importance of organ, tissue, marrow, platelet, and blood donation to saving lives across the state and country; and

WHEREAS; a single blood donation has the potential to help save up to three lives, and every organ donor can save up to eight lives and impact dozens more; and

WHEREAS; according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, more than 1,400 Wisconsinites—and over 100,000 people nationwide—are currently on the national waitlist for an organ transplant; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to several designated not-for-profit organ procurement organizations, including Versiti, UW Health, and LifeSource, that are charged with providing lifesaving organ and tissue gifts to those in need, promoting the importance of registering organ and tissue donors, and delivering professional education to clinical teams and performance improvement to better serve donor families and hospital partners; and

WHEREAS; every person in Wisconsin, regardless of health or age, can register to be an organ, tissue, and eye donor online or at their local Division of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin honors the nearly 3 million registered organ, tissue, and eye donors across the state for their generosity and encourages all eligible Wisconsinites to register as donors, support local blood drives, and give the gift of life through donation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim February 14 2026 as

## **NATIONAL DONOR 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 26th day of January 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State