

WHEREAS; according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, where the immune system attacks the protective sheath that covers nerve fibers and causes communication problems between the brain and the rest of the body; and

WHEREAS; the National Multiple Sclerosis Society estimates that nearly one million Americans are affected by MS, including many Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; while the cause of MS is unknown, risk factors, including gender, race, environment, susceptibility to certain autoimmune diseases, genetics, and smoking, can increase the likelihood of MS, and symptom onset generally occurs between the ages of 20 to 40; and

WHEREAS; while there has been progress in the development of medications to manage MS symptoms, speed recovery following attacks, reduce relapses, and slow overall disease progression, there currently is no cure; and

WHEREAS; dedicated advocates and organizations are relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments, and a cure, and individuals living with MS and their families often carry a large share of the burden of finding a medical expert, funding research, and raising public awareness; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all individuals affected by MS and advocates in raising awareness of the disease to improve care and clinical trial participation, encourage accurate diagnoses, and promote research opportunities that will lead to more comprehensive treatments and eventually a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 2025 as

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS 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 27th day of February 2025.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State