

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; as defined by the National Cancer Institute, a blood clot is a mass of blood that forms when platelets, proteins, and cells stick together, often created naturally by the body after an injury to stop the bleeding; and

*WHEREAS*; while blood clots can help control bleeding, too many or abnormal blood clots can cause serious medical complications, including illness, disability, and death; and

*WHEREAS*; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, blood clots can happen to anyone, and 100,000 Americans die of blood clots each year; and

*WHEREAS*; according to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, venous thromboembolism is a condition that occurs when a blood clot forms in a vein and can include deep vein thrombosis (DVT), which occurs when a blood clot forms in a deep vein, typically in the lower leg or thigh, blocking the flow of blood circulation in the body, and pulmonary embolism (PE), which occurs when a section of an untreated blood clot breaks off and travels to the lungs creating a blockage that necessitates immediate medical care; and

*WHEREAS*; symptoms of DVT often present as swelling, pain, tenderness, and redness or discoloration of the skin at the affected area, and symptoms of PE often include difficulty breathing, a faster than usual or irregular heartbeat, coughing up blood, and very low blood pressure, lightheadedness, or fainting; and

*WHEREAS*; both DVT and PE are serious conditions that are often preventable, underscoring the importance of recognizing the signs and symptoms of blood clots, understanding risk factors and family history, and seeking professional medical treatment as soon as symptoms emerge; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins patients, survivors, healthcare professionals, advocates, and dedicated organizations across the state and county in supporting the "Stop the Clot, Spread the Word" initiative and spreading awareness about the severity, prevalence, and possible prevention of fatal blood clots;

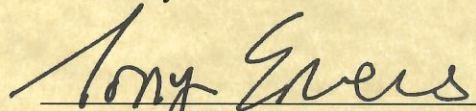
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 2025, as

## BLOOD CLOT AWARENESS MONTH

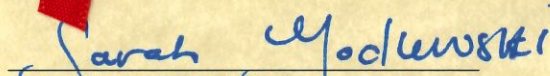
throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



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 14th day  
of February 2025.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State