

WHEREAS; healthy kidneys are a critical component of overall health and wellness, helping to remove waste and toxins, support the regulation of blood pressure and the production of red blood cells, and build bone health; and

WHEREAS; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, kidney diseases are a leading cause of death in the United States, impacting approximately 35.5 million people nationwide; and

WHEREAS; according to the National Kidney Foundation, one in three adults in the United States is at risk of kidney disease, with risk factors including diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, obesity, a family history of kidney disease, and people who are Black, Hispanic, or Latino are at a further increased risk; and

WHEREAS; additionally, according to the National Kidney Foundation, approximately one in three adults with severe kidney disease is not aware that they have it, underscoring the need for greater awareness of symptoms and risk factors;

WHEREAS; kidney diseases can be delayed or prevented with proper care, and advances in diagnosis, treatments, and procedures like medication management, dialysis, and transplantation create opportunities for patients to live longer after diagnosis; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins Wisconsinites in raising awareness of kidney diseases and encouraging individuals to maintain their kidney health by eating well, drinking plenty of fluids, practicing healthy lifestyle habits, and communicating with their healthcare providers about their potential risk factors for kidney disease

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

NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH

and March 12 2026 as

WORLD KIDNEY 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 5th day of March 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State