

WHEREAS; Down syndrome is a genetic condition characterized by a full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21, which occurs in approximately 5,700 babies born in the United States each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS; there are three types of Down syndrome, including Trisomy 21, Translocation Down syndrome, and Mosaic Down syndrome, and the physical characteristics and behaviors are similar for all three; and

WHEREAS; kids with Down syndrome are often slower to reach developmental markers, including walking and talking, and interventions, such as occupational, physical, speech, and language therapies may be necessary; and

WHEREAS; research has proven that proper support and treatment, including early intervention, education, social support, therapeutic care, and assistive devices, can help improve an individual with Down syndrome's chances of living a happy, independent life; and

WHEREAS; it is crucial to foster greater understanding and acceptance of Down syndrome in Wisconsin and nationwide to combat misconceptions and ensure the dignity and rights of individuals living with Down syndrome, including equal access to public spaces and facilities, reasonable accommodations, and increased public awareness to reduce bullying and discrimination throughout all aspects of life; and

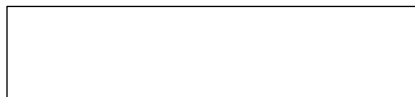
WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins all affected individuals, their loved ones, and the dedicated advocates and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of Down syndrome and improving care outcomes;

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

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME 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 9th day of March 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State