

WHEREAS; on March 26, 1953, American medical scientist Dr. Jonas Salk announced he had developed a vaccine against polio, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate has prevented 20 million cases of paralysis and saved 1.5 million lives worldwide since 1988; and

WHEREAS; in addition to vaccines, science has brought antibiotics, surgery, sanitation, increased agricultural yields, pasteurization, safe drinking water, and so many more interventions that have doubled the human lifespan in a little over a century; and

WHEREAS; due to scientific research and discovery, Wisconsinites and people around the world have experienced longer and healthier lives, greater convenience and comfort, and enhanced prosperity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS; with the challenges facing the world today, it has never been more essential to listen to experts in the scientific community, trust science, and fight against disinformation; and

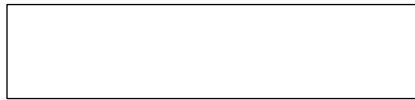
WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin celebrates all those working in the fields of research, technology, science education, and medicine and encourages all Wisconsinites to reflect on and share how advances in science have bettered their lives and those of their loved ones;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 26 2024 as

## **NATIONAL SCIENCE APPRECIATION 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 23rd day of February 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State