

WHEREAS; science has transformed the quality of human life by allowing for the development of antibiotics, vaccines, surgery, sanitation, safe drinking water, mechanisms to improve agricultural production, and so much more, and listening to experts within the scientific community is critical to maintaining strong public health; and

WHEREAS; National Science Appreciation Day is celebrated annually on March 26th in commemoration of the day when American medical scientist Dr. Jonas Salk officially developed the polio vaccine; and

WHEREAS; it is estimated that the polio vaccine has prevented 20 million cases of paralysis and saved 1.5 million lives worldwide since 1988, underscoring the vital importance of vaccines and protecting access; 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, follow scientific, peer-reviewed studies, trust science, and fight against disinformation in all forms; 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 2026 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 3rd day of March 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State