

WHEREAS; according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), Parkinson’s disease is a progressive, neurological disorder of the nervous system, where neurons in the brain weaken, become damaged, and die, causing impacted individuals to experience problems with movement, tremor, stiffness, and impaired balance; and

WHEREAS; it is estimated that Parkinson’s affects as many as 1 million Americans, and according to the Wisconsin Parkinson’s Association, over 15,000 Wisconsinites are currently living with the disease; and

WHEREAS; according to the NINDS, the cost of treating Parkinson’s disease is estimated to be \$14 billion annually in the United States alone, and the number of Americans diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease is expected to double by the year 2040; and

WHEREAS; while research suggests that the cause of Parkinson’s disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, the exact cause and progression of the disease remains unknown; and

WHEREAS; while there has been progress in the development of medications to manage and mitigate Parkinson’s symptoms, there is currently no known cure, nor is there a definitive diagnosis test; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all individuals affected by Parkinson’s in raising awareness of the disease to improve care and clinical trial participation, encourage accurate diagnoses, and promote research opportunities that will lead to more comprehensive treatments and eventually a cure;

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

PARKINSON’S 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 27th day of March 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State