

WHEREAS; Sjögren’s disease is a serious and systemic autoimmune disease that affects an individual’s ability to effectively regulate body moisture, causing excessive and unusual dryness; and

WHEREAS; Sjögren’s affects the eyes, mouth, vascular system, lungs, kidneys, skin, nervous system, lymph system, and reproductive system while also causing other serious complications such as profound fatigue, significant chronic pain, joint pain, swollen lymph nodes, and skin rashes, according to the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases; and

WHEREAS; currently, there are millions of Americans living with Sjögren’s disease, including many in Wisconsin, making it one of the most common rheumatic autoimmune diseases in the United States; and

WHEREAS; while anyone can develop Sjögren’s syndrome, the cause of Sjögren’s remains unknown, and there is no single test to diagnose the autoimmune disease; and

WHEREAS; as there is currently no known cure for the disease, treatment often centers around symptom management and prevention, and individuals living with Sjögren’s disease and their families often carry a large share of the burden in finding a medical expert, funding research, and raising public awareness; and

WHEREAS; there is a need for more research and clinical trials to understand the pathology of the disease and the efficacy of certain therapies to treat it; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated individuals, advocates, and organizations across the state in raising awareness and understanding of Sjögren’s disease to promote research, improve patient outcomes, and ultimately find a cure;

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

**SJÖGREN’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 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State