

WHEREAS; according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), Parkinson's disease is a progressive, neurological disorder, where neurons in the brain weaken, become damaged, and die, causing impacted individuals to experience problems with movement, including tremors, stiffness, impaired balance, difficulty swallowing, chewing, and speaking, as well as cognitive impairment, and a variety of other non-motor symptoms; and

WHEREAS; as the second most common neurodegenerative disease, it is estimated that Parkinson's affects as many as 1 million Americans, and according to the Wisconsin Parkinson Association, over 20,000 Wisconsinites are currently living with the disease; and

WHEREAS; it is estimated that the economic burden of Parkinson's disease is over \$50 billion annually, including direct and indirect costs, and the number of Americans diagnosed with the disease is projected to rise to 1.2 million by 2030; and

WHEREAS; research suggests that the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, however, 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 diagnostic 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 2026 as

PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

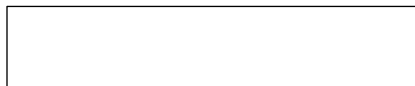
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 25th day of March 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State