

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; originally conceived by civil rights leader Booker T. Washington in 1915, for more than two decades, April has been officially observed across the United States as National Minority Health Month; and

*WHEREAS*; National Minority Health Month strives to recognize and raise awareness of the unique health needs and challenges experienced by communities of color, including Black, Hispanic, Latino, Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Indigenous communities, to encourage meaningful action through robust partnerships, health education, and early detection efforts; and

*WHEREAS*; in Wisconsin, significant disparities in access to healthcare and health outcomes persist in communities of color, resulting in increased healthcare, social, and economic costs, lower life expectancies, and reduced quality of life among people of color in the state; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin is among the worst states in the nation when it comes to disparities in maternal and birth outcomes by race, with Black mothers, for example, being significantly more likely than their white, non-Hispanic peers to die from complications of pregnancy and childbirth; and

*WHEREAS*; disparities in health outcomes are not the consequence of individual choices but, rather, are rooted in centuries of systemic racism in healthcare systems and perpetuated by factors such as family income, housing, educational opportunities, access to affordable healthcare, and other social determinants of health; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated advocates and organizations across the state in reaffirming its commitment to expanding access to quality healthcare and education in communities of color, working toward the elimination of disparities in healthcare and health outcomes, and centering health equity in its work so that all Wisconsinites—regardless of race, ethnicity, or ZIP code—have the opportunity to lead full and healthy lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 2026 as

### NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

of 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*

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State