

WHEREAS; every Wisconsinite deserves the opportunity to be healthy, regardless of who they are, where they live, their household income, or their health circumstances, and Wisconsin's public health professionals are committed to expanding access to quality, affordable healthcare and the conditions necessary for good health; and

WHEREAS; public health workers play a leading role in ensuring that all Wisconsinites can stay safe and healthy and have worked to increase average life expectancy, reduce tobacco use, prevent heart disease, promote early detection and treatments of cancer, raise awareness about prevention tools and treatments for HIV/AIDS, promote early childhood health and nutrition, increase access to reproductive and maternal healthcare, and establish the benefits of drinking water fluoridation leading to improvements in oral health; and

WHEREAS; furthermore, public health workers are dedicated to reducing infant mortality, ensuring that families are immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases, tracking infectious diseases, sharing mental and behavioral health information, promoting injury prevention, helping communities prepare for natural disasters, advancing equity efforts to reduce health disparities, and so much more; and

WHEREAS; promoting public health requires collective action, and public health workers are leaders in creating partnerships with the business community, local and state government, community organizations, and local schools, and it is imperative that public health providers that offer this vital care receive consistent support, from both the state and federal government, so that they may continue to cultivate opportunities for better health for all; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's public health infrastructure plays a significant role in addressing the social, economic, and environmental determinants of health, from access to housing, employment, transportation, nutritious food, education, and healthcare to community connectivity and other elements of both natural and built environments that can affect an individual's health status and result in health disparities across different communities; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins state, local, and Tribal health departments, hospitals, laboratories, and other public health-oriented agencies and organizations throughout the state in emphasizing the importance of public health and thanking all members of the state's public health workforce for their selfless and dedicated service to Wisconsinites;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 6 through 12 2026 as

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

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 April 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State