

WHEREAS; Healthcare Decisions Week aims to engage and inform the public about advance care planning, which refers to the process of understanding, reflecting on, and discussing future medical decisions, including end-of-life medical care preferences, should a person be unable to communicate; and

WHEREAS; while every adult aged 18 and older should have an advance directive, otherwise known as a living will, research suggests that only around one in three Americans has one, highlighting the need for increased knowledge, equitable and accessible support, and unified advance care planning systems and policies; and

WHEREAS; all Wisconsinites are encouraged to have in-depth conversations with their loved ones about their healthcare values and wishes, document their preferences in a written advance directive, and ensure the advance directive is filed in their medical records; and

WHEREAS; this occasion presents an opportunity for people and healthcare facilities across Wisconsin to create systems, policies, and workflows that ensure advance care planning is a standard of patient care; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the State Bar of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Medical Society, and dedicated advocates and organizations across the state in engaging Wisconsinites in the advance care planning process and working to increase the number of people with advance directives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 12 through 18 2026 as

HEALTHCARE DECISIONS WEEK

and April 16 2026 as

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY

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 30th day of March 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State