

WHEREAS; the human voice, a sound produced by the vibration of the vocal folds within an individual’s larynx, is an instrument to express feelings, personality, knowledge, and identity and plays a vital role in how humans communicate with one another; and

WHEREAS; from singers and teachers to lawyers, salespeople, and beyond, millions of individuals rely on their voices for their work and day-to-day lives; and

WHEREAS; according to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, approximately 17.9 million Americans reported voice-related issues in the last 12 months, and research suggests that voice conditions affect one in eight adults annually; and

WHEREAS; a diagnosis of a voice disorder can be life-altering and can affect an individual’s relationships, employment, social activities, and self-esteem; and

WHEREAS; several factors can lead to a voice disorder, whether it’s smoking, allergies, aging, voice misuse or overuse, or various illnesses, diseases, and cancers that impact the larynx or vocal folds; and

WHEREAS; voice conditions such as laryngitis, spasmodic dysphonia, vocal tremor, vocal cord paresis, or paralysis can affect anyone, and treatments can range from rest and voice therapy to surgery, underscoring the importance of increased public awareness, understanding, and support to advance treatments, therapies, and research; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated advocates, organizations, and Wisconsinites living with voice disorders and their loved ones in raising awareness about voice conditions and encouraging all to learn about vocal health and seek medical treatment when necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 16 2025 as

WORLD VOICE 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 31st day of March 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State