

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*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 it 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 a study published by the National Institutes of Health, 29.9 million Americans each year report voice-related issues, 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, such as smoking, allergies, aging, voice misuse or overuse, 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, 2026, as

### WORLD VOICE DAY

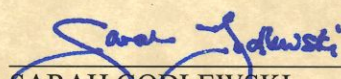
throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.



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 25th day of March 2026.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State