

WHEREAS; since its designation by the World Federation of Hemophilia in 1989, World Hemophilia Day has been recognized annually on April 17 to help foster greater awareness and understanding of hemophilia and all other bleeding disorders; and

WHEREAS; bleeding disorders—including hemophilia and von Willebrand disease, which are two of the most common—are characterized by the inability to form a proper blood clot in affected individuals, leading to extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma, or menstruation; and

WHEREAS; bleeding disorders impact millions of individuals nationwide and can lead to significant morbidity or even death if not treated effectively; and

WHEREAS; it is important to recognize that individuals with bleeding disorders depend on the safety and availability of the blood supply, transfusions, and blood products, and while according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. blood supply is the safest it has ever been, continued work is needed to advocate for the increased reliability and safety of blood and blood products; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals affected by hemophilia, von Willebrand disease, and all bleeding disorders in raising awareness of these conditions, fostering a greater sense of community among individuals with bleeding disorders, working together to improve access to treatment and care, and emphasizing better control and prevention of bleeds;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 17 2025 as

WORLD HEMOPHILIA 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 21st day of April 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State