

WHEREAS; according to Johns Hopkins Medicine, irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) is a gastrointestinal disease or condition characterized by recurring abdominal pain, bloating, altered bowel movements, and more; and

WHEREAS; research suggests that there are approximately 35 million Americans living with IBS, including many Wisconsinites, however, only a fraction—five to seven percent of individuals—have been formally diagnosed with the disease; and

WHEREAS; IBS has a considerable impact on personal relationships and work practices, yet those with symptoms often live in discomfort and pain because of their reluctance to discuss their pain; and

WHEREAS; as the variety and severity of symptoms can differ among those affected, those living with IBS may be misdiagnosed or underdiagnosed, which can delay timely treatments that are essential in ensuring affected individuals have a satisfactory quality of life; and

WHEREAS; while there is no known cure for IBS, individuals can work to treat or mediate their symptoms through lifestyle and diet changes, therapy, and medication; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins those impacted by IBS, their families, healthcare professionals, advocates, and organizations across the state in raising awareness of IBS to better understand the disorder, promote research and public understanding, improve patient care and outcomes, and ultimately find a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 19 2025 as

WORLD IBS 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 4th day of April 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State