

WHEREAS; substance use disorders impact all aspects of life in Wisconsin and nationwide, negatively affecting the health, relationships, and livelihoods of individuals across the state and potentially leading to severe injury or death; and

WHEREAS; according to data from the National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics, approximately 16.3 million Americans over the age of 12 misuse prescriptions in a year; and

WHEREAS; a simple step that any individual can take towards preventing substance use disorders is to properly dispose of unused or unwanted medications through one of the many drug drop boxes and disposal sites located across the state; and

WHEREAS; Prescription Drug Take Back Day is a national campaign that aims to educate the public on the safe use, storage, and disposal of medications, providing folks with the means to safely, conveniently, and responsibly dispose of their unused or unwanted prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsinites can find their nearest drug disposal location by using the Prescription Drug Take Back Day collection site locator tool or the permanent drug drop box locator tool, available through the Dose of Reality webpage on the Wisconsin Department of Health Service website; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin encourages all Wisconsinites to safely dispose of any unwanted or unused medications for the health and safety of individuals, families, and communities across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 26 2025 as

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK 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 18th day of April 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State