

WHEREAS; civil discourse is the practice of engaging in respectful and thoughtful dialogue across differences of opinion, and it is a cornerstone of democratic governance and civic life; and

WHEREAS; civic organizations, educational institutions, service clubs, faith communities, and local governments throughout Wisconsin play a vital role in modeling and promoting civil discourse in their daily interactions and public engagement; and

WHEREAS; the health and strength of society is dependent on the ability of residents, leaders, and institutions to listen openly, engage honestly, and disagree with dignity; and

WHEREAS; today and throughout 2026 the Year of the Neighbor, Wisconsinites from all walks of life are encouraged to come together, look out for one another, and practice the Wisconsin values of kindness, empathy, compassion, and respect; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals, organizations, and educational institutions across the state in recognizing the profound impact that civil discourse can have on communities, and supporting efforts to make communities stronger for a better and more resilient Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 30 2026 as

CIVIL DISCOURSE 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 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State