

WHEREAS; preeclampsia, including HELLP (hemolysis, elevated liver enzymes, low platelet count) syndrome and eclampsia, is a condition of pregnancy that can lead to maternal and infant mortality or premature birth with significant health risks for the mother and baby; and

WHEREAS; research estimates that preeclampsia encompasses approximately two to eight percent of all pregnancy-related complications and is responsible for over 50,000 maternal deaths and 500,000 fetal deaths worldwide; and

WHEREAS; increasing awareness of the signs and symptoms of preeclampsia, HELLP syndrome, and eclampsia, including abnormal blood pressure, swelling, headaches, blurred vision, and shortness of breath, can help individuals recognize the condition and seek appropriate care; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins advocates, birth workers, medical professionals, elected officials, and dedicated individuals, families, and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of maternal health, promoting initiatives to reduce maternal and infant morbidity and mortality, and working to improve Wisconsin’s maternal healthcare system;

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

PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS MONTH

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 5th day of May 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State