

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Huntington's disease (HD) is a progressive degenerative neurological disease that affects an estimated 41,000 Americans, according to the Huntington's Disease Society of America; and

WHEREAS; further, it is estimated that more than 250,000 Americans are genetically at risk for HD, and every child of a parent living with HD has a 50 percent chance of inheriting it; and

WHEREAS; symptoms of HD vary greatly by person and may include involuntary movement, slurred speech, difficulty with balance and swallowing, cognitive loss, and other mental and behavioral health conditions, such as depression; and

WHEREAS; HD can develop at any age, however, symptoms usually develop between ages 30 and 50, and the average lifespan after an HD diagnosis can be as low as 10 years after the onset of symptoms; and

WHEREAS; although many people with HD remain able to express themselves throughout their diagnoses, according to the National Institutes of Health, when the cognitive effects of HD become severe enough to inhibit an individual's ability to work, drive, or care for themselves, the condition is described as dementia; and

WHEREAS; while there is no cure for HD, early detection, diagnosis, and symptom management are key to preventing rapid disease progression and protecting an individual's overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals, families, dedicated advocates, healthcare providers, and organizations across the state in working towards increased awareness, quicker and more accurate diagnoses, and greater support for all those affected by Huntington's disease across the state;

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

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE 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 30th day
of April 2025.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski
SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State