

WHEREAS; Wisconsin residents of all ages, including aging and older adults and individuals with disabilities, deserve to live with dignity, security, independence, and a positive quality of life; and

WHEREAS; a robust network of aging and disability resource centers, independent living centers, area agencies on aging, aging units, Older Americans Act program providers, and Tribal program partners provides Wisconsinites with reliable and objective information and advice, advocacy, and assistance to access services and supports throughout the course of their lives; and

WHEREAS; by helping individuals understand and evaluate options, make informed decisions, and find local resources, and by offering important programs and services in communities, Wisconsin's aging, disability, and independent living network professionals streamline access to resources, strengthen community connections, and create pathways to maximal health and well-being; and

WHEREAS; this network of professionals advocates for an age- and disability-friendly Wisconsin, where programs and policies in education, research, public health, healthcare systems, home and community-based care, public spaces, and workplaces serve and support all individuals as they age and live with disabilities; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals and organizations across the state, including the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, in celebrating aging, disability, and independent living network professionals for their many contributions to communities across the state;

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

AGING, DISABILITY, AND INDEPENDENT LIVING NETWORK PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION 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 23rd day of April 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State