

WHEREAS; asthma is a common, chronic lung condition that impacts millions of people across the U.S., including in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; while the exact cause of asthma is unknown, genetics or early exposure to tobacco smoke, allergens, or a viral infection at a young age can increase a person's risk of developing the condition, and once developed, there are several environmental triggers that may cause an asthma attack, including but not limited to outdoor air pollution, strenuous exercise, mold, tobacco smoke, and pollen; and

WHEREAS; in addition to avoiding triggers, asthma can be managed with two routine checkups per year and having a comprehensive asthma management plan; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Asthma Program and the Wisconsin Asthma Coalition work to improve the health and quality of life for people living with asthma using the EXHALE framework, a set of six strategies developed by the National Asthma Control Program that each contribute to better asthma control with proven reductions in asthma-related hospitalizations, emergency department visits, and healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins DHS in supporting efforts to ensure Wisconsinites living with asthma have access to guideline-based medical management, asthma self-management education, pharmacotherapy, and healthy living environments;

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

ASTHMA 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 23rd day of April 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State