

WHEREAS; hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) is a method of care that is used to treat wounds, infections, or injuries that have not responded to standard treatment; and

WHEREAS; according to Mayo Clinic, HBOT works by increasing the delivery of oxygen throughout the body by placing patients in an enclosed chamber with a higher-than-normal air pressure; and

WHEREAS; commonly used to treat conditions such as diabetic ulcers of lower extremities, decompression sickness, damage to tissue from radiation therapy, or compromised skin grafts and flaps, among other injuries, HBOT works to stimulate the growth of new blood vessels, provide more oxygen to damaged tissues, and can even help save lives; and

WHEREAS; lack of awareness of HBOT may leave those struggling with chronic wounds without access to life-changing care and relief, underscoring the need for increased knowledge of the potential benefits of HBOT; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated professionals, organizations, and advocates in spreading awareness of available HBOT treatment options;

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

HYPERBARIC MEDICINE 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 8th day of May 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State