

WHEREAS; unintentional injuries are the third leading cause of death for Wisconsinites, accounting for roughly 62 deaths per 100,000 Wisconsinites in 2024; and

WHEREAS; according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, falls, motor vehicle crashes, and off-road vehicle crashes are the highest incidents of traumatic injury seen at Wisconsin trauma centers, with falls resulting in a high fatality rate among older adults; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's trauma centers are committed to a high standard of care, and trauma center staff are essential to providing high-quality and timely medical and recovery care for all those who are traumatically injured, working to save the lives of Wisconsinites across the state; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated trauma staff, healthcare professionals, advocates, and organizations across the state in recognizing the critical importance of trauma care, promoting efforts to increase injury prevention education, and recognizing those who have lost their lives, loved ones, or had their lives be altered by traumatic injuries;

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

## **NATIONAL TRAUMA 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