

WHEREAS; aging and older adults across Wisconsin have shared their time, talent, and life experiences for the betterment of their communities and society; and

WHEREAS; whether by serving as caregivers for family and community members in need, volunteering in their local communities, or providing leadership and knowledge to future generations, older adults make countless contributions to the state; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin strives to build strong and vibrant communities that encourage, engage, and support aging and older Wisconsinites in pursuing personal interests and social activities that promote vitality, independence, and the opportunity to age with dignity, choice, and respect; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin remains committed to helping all individuals live healthier, longer lives in the communities of their choice for as long as possible while dismantling systems and barriers that create a disproportionately poorer quality of life for historically underserved populations; and

WHEREAS; all Wisconsinites benefit from working to eliminate harmful age-related stereotypes and rather focus on emphasizing the many positive aspects of aging while leading with the Wisconsin values of kindness, empathy, compassion, and respect; and

WHEREAS; the theme of this year's Older Americans Month, "Champion Your Health," focuses on well-being throughout the spectrum of life and encourages the creation of age-friendly systems that promote an individual's ability to access preventative care and make informed decisions to effectively advocate for themselves and others; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin celebrates all aging and older Wisconsinites for their wisdom, advocacy, hard work, and volunteerism, and reaffirms its commitment to assisting them in caring for their health by supporting them and those who care for them;

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

OLDER AMERICANS 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