

WHEREAS; according to Cleveland Clinic, Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS) is a rare genetic condition that affects a child’s metabolism and causes changes to their body and behavior; and

WHEREAS; the Foundation for Prader-Willi Research reports that PWS occurs in approximately one out of every 15,000 births, and while the condition affects people differently, common symptoms include severe low muscle tone, poor feeding during early infancy, and a large appetite that develops in early childhood; and

WHEREAS; without careful supervision, PWS may result in severe obesity and other obesity-related complications, such as sleep apnea, heart disease, and diabetes; and

WHEREAS; further, PWS can also cause cognitive and learning disabilities and behavioral difficulties that may result in delayed childhood milestones and puberty, obsessive or compulsive behaviors, difficulty controlling emotions, and more;

WHEREAS; as there is currently no known cure, treatment is often centered around symptom management, including diet management, hormone-balancing medications, and supportive therapy, however, individuals living with PWS and their families often carry a large share of the burden in finding a medical expert, funding research, and raising public awareness; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated individuals, advocates, and organizations across the state in raising awareness and understanding of Prader-Willi syndrome to promote research, improve patient outcomes, and ultimately find a cure;

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

PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME 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