

WHEREAS; according to the World Health Organization, preeclampsia is a hypertensive disorder that affects approximately three to eight percent of women who give birth worldwide, significantly contributing to maternal and perinatal morbidity and mortality; and

WHEREAS; increasing awareness of the signs and symptoms of preeclampsia, HELLP syndrome, which is related to preeclampsia and has similar symptoms, and eclampsia, including abnormal blood pressure, swelling, headaches, blurred vision, and shortness of breath, can help individuals recognize the condition and seek appropriate care; and

WHEREAS; the need to invest in improving the state's maternal care systems has never been greater, and initiatives to support positive outcomes for all mothers and babies across the state, including postpartum care and maternal and infant mortality preventative measures, are underway; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins advocates, birth workers, medical professionals, elected officials, and dedicated individuals, families, and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of maternal health, promoting initiatives to reduce maternal and infant morbidity and mortality, and working to improve Wisconsin's maternal healthcare system;

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

## **PREECLAMPSIA 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