

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Huntington's disease (HD) is a progressive degenerative neurological disease that affects an estimated 41,000 Americans, according to the Huntington's Disease Society of America; and

*WHEREAS*; further, it is estimated that more than 200,000 Americans are genetically at risk for HD, and every child of a parent living with HD has a 50 percent chance of inheriting it; and

*WHEREAS*; symptoms of HD vary greatly by person and may include involuntary movement, slurred speech, difficulty with balance and swallowing, cognitive loss, and other mental and behavioral health conditions, such as depression, personality changes, and mood swings; and

*WHEREAS*; HD can develop at any age, however, symptoms usually develop between ages 30 and 50, and the average lifespan after an HD diagnosis can be as low as 10 years after the onset of symptoms; and

*WHEREAS*; although many people with HD remain able to express themselves throughout their diagnoses, when the cognitive effects of HD become severe enough to inhibit an individual's ability to work, drive, or care for themselves, the condition is sometimes described as having ALS, Parkinsons, and Alzheimer's simultaneously; and

*WHEREAS*; while there has been progress in the development of medications to manage and mitigate HD symptoms, there is still no known cure for HD, and early detection, diagnosis, and symptom management are key to preventing rapid disease progression and protecting an individual's overall quality of life; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals, families, dedicated advocates, healthcare providers, and organizations across the state in working towards increased awareness, quicker and more accurate diagnoses, and greater support for all those affected by Huntington's disease across the state;


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

### HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

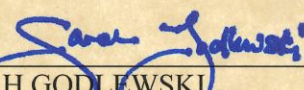
throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



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