

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that cannot be seen, tasted, or smelled and, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine; and

*WHEREAS*; because of its potency and low manufactured cost, illicit drugs of all kinds now contain illegally produced fentanyl, including heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine, and it continues to be used at soaring rates; and

*WHEREAS*; according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, more than 1,460 Wisconsinites died from an opioid-related overdose in 2022 alone; and

*WHEREAS*; the state of Wisconsin continues to support and advance several policies to combat substance use and overdose deaths in Wisconsin, including passing legislation to decriminalize fentanyl testing strips, supporting the placement of the emergency narcotic overdose reversal drug, naloxone, in accessible spaces, investing in increased supports for those struggling with mental health and substance use challenges, and making deliberate use of the funds received through the national settlement agreement with major pharmaceutical suppliers; and

*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all those who have been affected by fentanyl use in spreading awareness of the harm that fentanyl can cause and the ways to combat this drug's prevalence in communities, and reminds all Wisconsinites that anyone can save a life by educating themselves on the signs of an overdose, learning how to administer naloxone, and calling 911;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 7, 2024, as

## FENTANYL AWARENESS DAY

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 3rd day of  
May 2024.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLWESKI  
Secretary of State