

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities make remarkable economic, political, and social contributions to the state and country and are a fundamental part of Wisconsin's shared history, culture, and identity; and

WHEREAS; mental health conditions are real and prevalent in the lives of Wisconsinites of every age and every background across the state, and research shows that members of AANHPI communities have some of the lowest rates of mental health services utilization of any ethnic group; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that many factors can impact an individual's mental health and their ability to access care, including but not limited to discrimination and bias based on race, ethnicity, gender identity, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, religion, disability status, geographic location, language, and nation of origin, with these factors intersecting and compounding one another, preventing individuals from seeking or getting the care and treatment they need to be well; and

WHEREAS; the state also recognizes the importance of promoting practices that support behavioral and mental health equity, which means ensuring that high-quality and culturally relevant care and services are accessible to every Wisconsinite; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to promoting public awareness of mental health challenges faced by Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities, improving access to mental health treatment and services, and eliminating the stigma and discrimination that all too often prevent individuals from seeking much-needed mental health support;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 10, 2026, as

AANHPI MENTAL HEALTH DAY

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



By the Governor:

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

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State