

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; investing in, protecting, and supporting women's health and ensuring that every woman has access to quality healthcare must be a top priority; and

WHEREAS; National Women's Health Week is an opportunity to celebrate women's health and bring awareness to women's health issues, serving as a yearly reminder for women to prioritize their mental and physical well-being; and

WHEREAS; the health and prosperity of Wisconsin depend on the health and prosperity of women, and all women are encouraged to take steps towards living their healthiest lives by staying active, eating well, caring for their mental health, and engaging in regular medical check-ups and preventative screenings; and

WHEREAS; while each woman has their own unique health needs, certain issues predominantly affect women's health, including breast cancer, ovarian cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's disease, and reproductive and maternal health issues; and

WHEREAS; institutionalized racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, bias, and discrimination in healthcare settings create barriers that disproportionately obstruct women and their health; and

WHEREAS; in recent years, ongoing and pervasive attacks on reproductive healthcare in the United States have further jeopardized the reproductive rights, freedoms, and protections of women, putting women's health and, ultimately, their lives at risk and underscoring the challenges women face in receiving care; and

WHEREAS; the past few years have also underscored underlying health and social inequalities that disproportionately affect health outcomes for women of color, in particular, in the state and across the country; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins Wisconsinites in raising awareness of women's health issues, working to increase access to quality healthcare for all women, eliminating existing disparities in health outcomes that women face, and supporting the health and well-being of every woman in Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 12 – 18, 2024, as

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK

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