

WHEREAS; according to Food Allergy Research & Education, more than 30 million Americans have food allergies, including over 5 million kids under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS; according to the United States Food and Drug Administration, there are nine foods—shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame—that cause the majority of food allergy reactions in the United States; and

WHEREAS; a food allergy is an immune system response to eating a certain food that causes the body to release chemicals, such as histamine, that trigger a cascade of symptoms that can affect the respiratory system, gastrointestinal tract, skin, and cardiovascular system; and

WHEREAS; food allergy reactions can range from mild symptoms, including hives and lip swelling, to severe reactions, such as anaphylaxis, a serious, life-threatening allergic reaction that often requires first-response administration of epinephrine to quickly open airways and stop the release of histamine; and

WHEREAS; research suggests that the prevalence of food allergies has increased among kids and adults, and the number of food allergy reactions requiring emergency treatment and medical procedures has increased sharply in recent years, underscoring the need for increased public awareness; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated individuals, advocates, and organizations across the state and country in spreading awareness of food allergies, working to improve the health and quality of life of individuals with food allergies, and encouraging all Wisconsinites to increase their understanding of food allergies, anaphylaxis, and the appropriate emergency procedures following allergic reactions to food;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 10 through 16 2026 as

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS 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 8th day of May 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State