

WHEREAS; eosinophils are a type of white blood cell that works with the immune system to protect the body and are most commonly found in the blood, bone marrow, lungs, skin, and parts of the digestive system, including the stomach; and

WHEREAS; while the presence of eosinophils works to prevent parasites, allergens, foreign bacteria, and outside organisms from invading the body, when an individual has elevated numbers of eosinophils in their digestive system without a known cause, they may have an eosinophilic gastrointestinal disease (EGIDs); and

WHEREAS; EGIDs are chronic and require long-term management, with often debilitating symptoms—including difficulty swallowing, food impaction, and pain—that can greatly impact quality of life and lead to missed time at school, work, and daily activities; and

WHEREAS; increased awareness of EGIDs has helped medical professionals to better recognize the varying manifestations of the diseases, but further research is essential to ensure more successful diagnostic tools and treatments are identified; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all those affected by EGIDs and their families, along with dedicated advocates, medical professionals, and organizations across the state, in raising awareness and understanding of EGIDs to promote research, improve patient care and outcomes, spread compassion, and find a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 17 through 23 2026 as

NATIONAL EOSINOPHIL 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