

WHEREAS; neurofibromatosis (NF) is a group of genetic disorders distinguished by the growth of tumors on nerves throughout the body of an affected individual, possibly impacting the development of the brain, cardiovascular system, bones, and skin; and

WHEREAS; according to the Neurofibromatosis Clinics Association (NFCA), NF has three distinct categories—NF1, NF2, and schwannomatosis; and

WHEREAS; NF impacts more than 2 million people worldwide and can cause blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, debilitating pain, and cancer; and

WHEREAS; research suggests about half of those living with NF inherit the condition from a parent, and genetic testing may be needed to correctly diagnose individuals who feature symptoms of NF without a known family history; and

WHEREAS; despite the prevalence of NF, a lack of public awareness persists, and work remains to ensure the early diagnosis, proper management and treatment, and prevention of complications of NF in all affected people; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins patients, families, advocates, and dedicated organizations in raising awareness of neurofibromatosis, supporting additional research, and working to find a cure and increase access to treatment and services for those affected in Wisconsin, across the country, and around the world;

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

WORLD NEUROFIBROMATOSIS 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 8th day of May 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State