

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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.



By the Governor:

A blue ink signature of Sarah Godlewski.
SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State

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 15th day of
May 2026.

A blue ink signature of Tony Evers.
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR