

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; gout is a chronic disease caused by uric acid build-up in the joints and characterized by sudden and excruciating painful flares; and

*WHEREAS*; gout affects more than eight million people in the United States, according to the National Kidney Foundation, making it the most common form of inflammatory arthritis; and

*WHEREAS*; while members of historically underserved communities, and Black patients, in particular, are more likely to develop gout than white patients, disparities persist in the prescription of urate-lowering medications and access to ongoing, routine provider care; and

*WHEREAS*; stigma, lack of awareness, and misinformation may hinder treatment for gout; and

*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals and their families, along with dedicated advocates and organizations across the state and country, in raising public awareness of gout in order to reduce the stigma and empower patients to seek quality care and timely treatment;

NOW, *THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2023, as

## GOUT 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State