

WHEREAS; according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), vitiligo is a chronic autoimmune disorder that causes melanin-producing cells to stop functioning and, as a result, patches of skin to lose pigment or color; and

WHEREAS; it is estimated that vitiligo affects around one percent of the population worldwide, and the condition can develop at any age and in individuals of all genders, races, and ethnicities; and

WHEREAS; while the exact cause of vitiligo remains unknown, autoimmune conditions, family history, or frequent skin trauma may increase an individual’s likelihood of developing vitiligo; and

WHEREAS; alongside common symptoms such as loss of skin color and skin sensitivity, individuals living with vitiligo may also experience psychological and social effects, including low self-esteem, which can significantly affect one’s quality of life; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated individuals and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of vitiligo, providing advocacy and support for affected individuals, and promoting acceptance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 2025 as

**VITILIGO AWARENESS MONTH**

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 2nd day of June 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State