

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; scleroderma, also known as systemic sclerosis, is a group of rare autoimmune diseases that cause excessive production and buildup of collagen in the skin and internal organs, producing scar-like tissue; and

WHEREAS; according to the National Scleroderma Foundation, approximately 300,000 Americans are living with scleroderma, and disparities exist amongst Black Americans and women; and

WHEREAS; while scleroderma can develop at any age, symptoms most often present in individuals between the ages of 30 and 50; and

WHEREAS; according to the Cleveland Clinic, scleroderma can affect tissue throughout the body and can lead to life-threatening complications such as kidney failure, pulmonary hypertension, cardiovascular disease, cancer, and more; and

WHEREAS; while available treatments can help ease symptoms and improve the quality of life of affected individuals and their families, scleroderma currently has no cure; and

WHEREAS; raising public awareness and providing comprehensive and coordinated health services for people with scleroderma is critically important to addressing the complex health needs of affected individuals and achieving positive patient outcomes and timely diagnosis; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals, their families, and dedicated advocates and organizations across the state in raising awareness of scleroderma and embracing hope for improved treatments and a cure;

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

SCLERODERMA 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 28th day
of May 2025.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski
SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State