

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; according to Cleveland Clinic, cranial cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) leak occurs when there is a tear in the membrane around the brain or spinal cord; and

WHEREAS; while the most common symptom is disabling headache that worsens when standing upright, spinal CSF can also cause a wide range of symptoms and serious complications, including hearing loss and ringing in the ears, vision disturbances, memory issues, muscle weakness, pain radiating from the spine, and more; and

WHEREAS; spinal CSF leaks can be caused by certain medical procedures, injuries, or other genetic health conditions, often requiring treatment, which may include epidural blood patches, a lumbar drain, or surgery; and

WHEREAS; spinal CSF leaks are often underdiagnosed and misdiagnosed due to a lack of awareness among healthcare providers, as well as inadequate diagnostic imaging to confirm or locate a spinal CSF leak, which contributes to difficulties in accessing specialized services, proper care, and support for individuals living with spinal CSF leak;

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals, their families, and dedicated advocates and organizations across the state in raising awareness and understanding of spinal CSF leaks and in embracing hope for improved research, diagnoses, treatments, and patient outcomes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 1 – 7, 2026, as

SPINAL CSF LEAK AWARENESS WEEK

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 18th day
of May 2026.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski
SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State