

WHEREAS; heat waves during the summer months pose one of the biggest weather-related threats in Wisconsin and can cause heat-related deaths and illnesses; and

WHEREAS; extreme heat disproportionately affects the state’s most vulnerable populations, including kids, older adults, people of color, individuals experiencing homelessness, low-income individuals, those with heart and respiratory diseases, and those with limited access to healthcare; and

WHEREAS; according to Ready Wisconsin, there was a preliminary total of 10 heat-related deaths reported in Wisconsin in 2025, with more than 1,000 visits to emergency departments for heat-related issues; and

WHEREAS; it is imperative that individuals in Wisconsin learn and understand the health risks associated with extreme heat and take measures to help protect themselves, their families, and their pets from heat-related health issues and injuries; and

WHEREAS; individuals who work in outdoor settings and are regularly exposed to heat are encouraged to take necessary precautions, including drinking sufficient fluids, wearing appropriate attire, and taking frequent breaks; and

WHEREAS; it is similarly important that people understand the danger of leaving kids, disabled persons, older adults, or pets in parked vehicles when temperatures rise; and

WHEREAS; as the summer months get underway, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated local, state, and federal partners in spreading awareness of the serious dangers of heat waves, encouraging individuals and communities to educate themselves on the signs of heat illness, and reminding all Wisconsinites to take preventative steps to protect against heat-related injury or death;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 3 2026 as

HEAT 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 8th day of May 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State