

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; on June 7, 1947, WDIA, the Goodwill Radio Station, located in Memphis, Tennessee, became the first radio station in the United States programmed entirely for Black and African American audiences, marking a historic milestone in media representation and access; and

WHEREAS; during the Civil Rights Movement, Black radio played a critical role in mobilizing communities, sharing information, supporting voter registration, and serving as a trusted platform for organizing and empowerment; and

WHEREAS; in 1972, WNOV made history as the first Black-owned radio station in Wisconsin, and today, the state is home to several Black radio stations and news outlets that serve as a vital force in informing, uplifting, and connecting communities while amplifying Black culture in the state; and

WHEREAS; it is essential to recognize and celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black radio professionals in Wisconsin, who have overcome challenges and broken down barriers of racial inequality, establishing themselves as cultural leaders and inspiring others along the way; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins Black radio professionals, stations, and cultural leaders that have created a unified and collaborative network around the state in affirming the ongoing contributions of Black radio to culture, community, and civic life;

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

WISCONSIN BLACK RADIO 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 2nd day
of June 2026.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski
SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State