

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; the disability experience is a natural part of life that intersects with every aspect of identity, including race, ethnicity, social, educational, and economic background; and

*WHEREAS*; disability is a diverse identity in and of itself, encompassing those with physical, intellectual, developmental, emotional, invisible, acquired, chronic, device-assisted disabilities, and more; and

*WHEREAS*; individuals with disabilities are valued members of communities across the state, and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than one million Wisconsinites identify as having a disability; and

*WHEREAS*; disability should in no way diminish one's right to independence, self-determination, or engagement with society, but rather should be a celebrated aspect of one's personhood; and

*WHEREAS*; while the disability community has been fighting for equity and inclusion for generations, segregation on the basis of ability persists, depriving individuals with disabilities of full participation in society and coming at a great cost both to those with disabilities who desire to live independent and fulfilling lives and to their communities that miss out on the rich talents and experiences that those with disabilities have to offer; and

*WHEREAS*; the creation of equitable and inclusive environments is a matter of social justice and must be the shared responsibility of every person, regardless of ability, for true change to occur; and

*WHEREAS*; it is critical to recognize the value and intersectionality of the disability experience, acknowledge and address the barriers presented to individuals with disabilities in society, and appreciate that diversity makes Wisconsin stronger; and

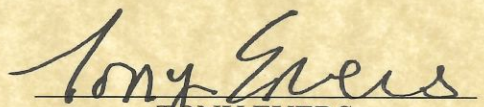
*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin celebrates the countless talents, experiences, and contributions of individuals with disabilities and reaffirms its commitment to take meaningful action to build a state that is inclusive to all;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim July 2024 as


## DISABILITY PRIDE 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 7th day  
of June 2024.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State