

WHEREAS; the disability experience is a natural part of life that intersects with every aspect of identity, including gender, 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 1 million Wisconsinites identify as having a disability alongside a community of over 70 million individuals across the nation; and

WHEREAS; Since 1990, Disability Pride has been celebrated across the nation to commemorate the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) being signed into law, and in July 2015, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the ADA, Disability Pride Month was first celebrated; and

WHEREAS; Disability Pride Month 2025 marks the 35th anniversary of the ADA, representing over three decades of asserting that people with disabilities are essential to every community and sharing the message that 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 2025 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 23rd day of June 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State