

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), chronic diseases are the leading cause of illness, disability, and death, and more than half of all Americans, including thousands of Wisconsinites, live with at least one chronic health condition, such as cardiovascular disease, stroke, diabetes, cancer, and obesity; and

*WHEREAS*; further, according to a study published by the National Library of Medicine, chronic diseases have steadily increased due to a nationwide aging population and are estimated to nearly double by 2050 among adults over 50; and

*WHEREAS*; the combined costs of living with a chronic condition—including medications, treatments, and co-payments—can cause extreme financial hardship and even lead to bankruptcy for individuals and families, and it is estimated that the majority of the nation's \$4.5 trillion in annual healthcare expenditures are for people with chronic diseases, according to the CDC; and

*WHEREAS*; while most chronic diseases have no cure, many are treatable with appropriate medical care and preventable with proper nutrition, physical activity, healthy lifestyle choices, understanding family health history, getting vaccinated, and regular health screenings; and

*WHEREAS*; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that racial disparities in both chronic disease morbidity and mortality persist statewide and that addressing the systemic factors that lead to poorer health outcomes for marginalized communities is critically important to increasing life expectancy, reducing the burden of healthcare costs, and promoting the health and wellness of every person and community; and

*WHEREAS*; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated individuals, organizations, and support groups in spreading awareness of the prevention, intervention, and treatment of chronic diseases and reaffirms its commitment to eliminating barriers to accessible, affordable healthcare and to improving the quality of life of all Wisconsinites;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim July 2025 as

## CHRONIC DISEASE MONTH

and July 10, 2025, as

## CHRONIC DISEASE 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 23rd day  
of June 2025.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State