

WHEREAS;chronic diseases are the leading cause of illness, disability, and death in the U.S., and more than half of all Americans, including thousands of Wisconsinites, live with at least one chronic health condition; and

WHEREAS; the number of adults living with chronic disease is estimated to nearly double by 2050, and 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, as it is estimated that the majority of the nation’s \$5.3 trillion in annual healthcare expenditures are from people with chronic diseases; 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, advocates, and organizations 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 2026 as

CHRONIC DISEASE MONTH

and July 10, 2026, 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 15th day of June 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State