

WHEREAS; today marks the 15th anniversary of Wisconsin’s statewide smoke-free air law, which protects Wisconsin individuals, families, and kids, as well as bar and restaurant owners, employees, and customers, from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS; secondhand smoke contains more than 7,000 harmful chemicals, approximately 70 of which are carcinogens, and is estimated to cause more than 53,000 deaths annually, in addition to serious health problems like coronary heart disease, stroke, and lung cancer; and

WHEREAS; there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke, and kids exposed to secondhand smoke are at increased risk of sudden infant death syndrome, slowed lung growth, respiratory infections, and severe asthma; and

WHEREAS; smoke-free air laws ensure that all individuals have the right to breathe clean air while working or visiting public places; and

WHEREAS; further, smoke-free air laws normalize tobacco-free environments, thereby discouraging youth from using commercial tobacco products, and are linked to hospital savings and a reduction in health issues and hospital stays for restaurant and bar workers; and

WHEREAS; since the implementation of Wisconsin’s smoke-free air law, adult smoking rates have decreased, and more than 77 percent of Wisconsinites approve of the state’s existing smoke-free air law’s prohibition of smoking in most public places, with over 60 percent of Wisconsinites supporting strengthening the law to include prohibiting vaping indoors in public spaces;

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, as well as dedicated advocates and organizations across the state, in celebrating the state’s anniversary of the smoke-free air law and reaffirming its commitment to maintaining safe and clean air for all Wisconsinites;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim July 5 2025 as

SMOKE-FREE AIR 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 27th day of June 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State