

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was passed by the U.S. Congress on July 26, 1990, to ensure the civil rights of individuals with disabilities in the United States; and

*WHEREAS*; the ADA codified protections against discrimination for individuals with disabilities, requiring employers to begin providing reasonable accommodations, establishing accessibility requirements in public places, and requiring state and local governments to provide a full and equal opportunity to vote for people of all abilities, among other important provisions; and

*WHEREAS*; in the decades before and since the passage of the ADA, Wisconsinites with disabilities have worked tirelessly to overcome barriers—both interpersonal and institutional—and advance inclusion and accessibility for all; and

*WHEREAS*; numerous organizations and agencies throughout the state, including Disability Rights Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities, and the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition, are committed to working with communities across the state to realize the full promise of hope, freedom, and equality envisioned by the passage of the ADA 33 years ago; and

*WHEREAS*; as we celebrate the 33rd anniversary of the ADA, we recognize that much work still needs to be done to ensure equity and equality for individuals with disabilities in Wisconsin and across the country, including ensuring voting is as accessible and easy as possible for every eligible voter in the state; and

*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to the principles of equality and inclusion for all persons with disabilities as embodied by the ADA and the laws of the state;


*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim July 26, 2023, as

## 33RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT


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 13th day of  
July 2023.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State