

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 for people of all abilities to be able to vote and engage in the democratic process, among other essential 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 individuals, organizations, and agencies across the state are committed to working with communities to realize the full promise of hope, freedom, and equality envisioned by the passage of the ADA 36 years ago; and

WHEREAS; each year, as the anniversary of the ADA is celebrated, it is important to 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 as 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 individuals 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 2026 as

**36TH 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 24th day of June 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State