

WHEREAS; characterized by the presence of a hole in the abdominal wall of a developing fetus, gastroschisis is a condition that causes intestinal growth outside of the body; and

WHEREAS; research suggests that approximately one in every 2,500 babies in the United States is born with gastroschisis; and

WHEREAS; while infants born with gastroschisis often undergo corrective surgery soon after birth, many experience serious lifelong complications, including short bowel syndrome, feeding and digestive issues, and more, but despite these complications, the overall survival rate remains greater than 90 percent; and

WHEREAS; the diagnosis of gastroschisis can occur at birth but usually occurs during 18 to 20 weeks of pregnancy with routine prenatal tests that check for birth defects, including ultrasounds and blood screenings; and

WHEREAS; it is important to recognize that the families of infants born with gastroschisis often encounter a variety of problems outside of the condition itself, such as finding affordable and effective treatment options; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals, families, and dedicated advocates and organizations in spreading awareness, promoting research, and honoring all those who are living with or who have lost their lives to gastroschisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim July 30 2026 as

GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS 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 24th day of June 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State