

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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 23rd day
of June 2026.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski
SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State