

WHEREAS; signed into law in 1986, the Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) codified protections against discrimination for individuals with disabilities during air travel by defining the rights of passengers and the obligations of airlines in the United States; and

WHEREAS; under the ACAA, airline passengers with disabilities have the right to receive information about services and aircraft capabilities as well as assistance with wheelchairs, boarding, deplaning, connecting flights, service animals, interpreters, and more, and have the right to accessible airline and aircraft facilities and seating accommodations; and

WHEREAS; while the ACAA has led to increased accessibility for individuals with disabilities, discriminatory practices and barriers to accessibility continue to negatively affect the lives of airline passengers with disabilities in Wisconsin and across the country; and

WHEREAS; disability should in no way diminish one's right to independence, self-determination, or engagement with society but rather should be a respected aspect of one's personhood, underscoring the need for continued advancements in technology, infrastructure, and policies to make air travel fully accessible, comfortable, and safe for all; 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 ACAA and reaffirms its commitment to take meaningful action to build a state that is inclusive to all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim August 20 2024 as

NATIONAL ACCESSIBLE AIR TRAVEL 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 26th day of July 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State