

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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, to take meaningful action to build a state that is inclusive to all, and to make air travel an experience that empowers every individual to traverse the skies with safety, comfort, and dignity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim August 20, 2026, 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 3rd day
of July 2026.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski
SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State