

WHEREAS; hydrocephalus is a condition characterized by an abnormal buildup of cerebrospinal fluid in the brain, resulting in the widening of ventricles and harmful pressure on brain tissue; and

WHEREAS; according to Cleveland Clinic, one to two of every 1,000 infants in the United States are born with hydrocephalus, but the condition can also affect older children and adults of all ages and can be fatal if left untreated; and

WHEREAS; hydrocephalus can be congenital, meaning it is present at birth, or acquired, meaning it was developed at any point after birth, and can be diagnosed through neurological evaluations, which may include ultrasounds, magnetic resonance imaging, or computed tomography scans, amongst other methods; and

WHEREAS; there are several types of hydrocephalus, including communicating hydrocephalus, which occurs when cerebrospinal fluid is blocked from leaving the brain, non-communicating hydrocephalus, which occurs when cerebrospinal fluid is blocked from flowing within the brain, hydrocephalus ex-vacuo, which occurs when a stroke or other traumatic injury causes damage to the brain, and normal pressure hydrocephalus, which is most common among the aging and older population and for which the cause is often unknown; and

WHEREAS; while hydrocephalus currently has no cure, treatment often entails repeated brain surgeries, and many individuals diagnosed with the condition can benefit from early intervention programs, rehabilitation therapies, and educational interventions; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals and families affected by hydrocephalus, along with dedicated organizations across the state, in raising awareness of hydrocephalus and supporting efforts to research its causes and treatment options;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 2025 as

HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH

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 13th day of August 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State