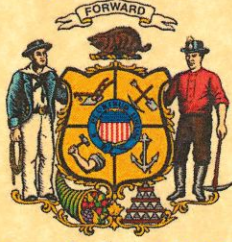


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; the ability to read, write, and engage in continuous learning is vital for personal and community growth, empowering individuals to achieve their goals and enrich their lives, pursue higher education, secure better employment opportunities, and actively participate in society; and

*WHEREAS*; developing strong literacy skills begins at a young age, and reading proficiency by third grade is one of the most valuable predictors of high school graduation and career success according to the American Academy of Pediatrics; and

*WHEREAS*; the National Literacy Institute estimates that more than 21 percent of adults nationwide are illiterate, and 54 percent read below the equivalent of a sixth-grade level, creating a multigenerational challenge with high societal costs as it affects an individual's ability to navigate employment, access healthcare, understand legal documents, and more; and

*WHEREAS*; adult education and family literacy programs across Wisconsin offer continued literacy education for Wisconsinites, including in reading, writing, English language learning, digital literacy, workforce readiness, and health literacy; and

*WHEREAS*; through strong foundational education, ongoing collaborative efforts, and continued community partnerships, Wisconsin continues to make significant strides toward improving literacy, promoting lifelong learning, and fostering a more inclusive and engaged society; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins literacy advocates, organizations, educators, and librarians in championing the importance of lifelong literacy and celebrating all individuals who contribute to the success and advancement of literacy in Wisconsin;

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

## NATIONAL LITERACY 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 26th day  
of August 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Godlewski".  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State

