

WHEREAS; more than 1.7 million people nationwide are either living with or are in remission from leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma, myelodysplastic syndromes, or myeloproliferative neoplasms; and

WHEREAS; further, the American Cancer Society estimates that more than 192,000 Americans, including many Wisconsinites, will be diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma, or myeloma in 2026 and that more than 55,000 Americans will lose their life to one of these diseases; and

WHEREAS; support for blood cancer patients and their families continues to be of critical importance, and recognizing warning signs—including fever and chills, persistent fatigue, bone and joint pain, unexplained weight loss, anemia, and swollen lymph nodes, liver, or spleen—can be vital to early detection and treatment; and

WHEREAS; factors including age, gender, smoking, exposure to toxic chemicals, previous cancer treatment, familial history, and autoimmune diseases may increase an individual’s likelihood of developing blood cancer; and

WHEREAS; treatment for blood cancer varies by type, age, stage, and progression, but often may include stem cell transplantation, chemotherapy, and radiation therapy; and

WHEREAS; as treatment options have expanded over the years, more people are surviving blood cancer, and the five-year survival rate for leukemia has more than doubled in the past 50 years; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins patients, survivors, and their families, as well as healthcare professionals, advocates, and dedicated organizations across the state and country in spreading awareness of all blood cancers, supporting research, and embracing hope for improved diagnoses and treatments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 2026 as

BLOOD CANCER 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 26th day of August 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State