

WHEREAS; gynecologic cancer is an all-encompassing term that refers to cancer among women’s reproductive organs, including cervical, ovarian, endometrial/uterine, vaginal, and vulvar cancers; and

WHEREAS; every year, thousands of people are diagnosed with gynecologic cancers, which can be caused by a wide array of risk factors that often increase with age, including the human papillomavirus (HPV), smoking, genetic predispositions, and increased hormone exposure; and

WHEREAS; institutionalized racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, bias, and discrimination in healthcare settings often create barriers that disproportionately obstruct women and their health, underscoring the challenges women face in receiving care; and

WHEREAS; many gynecological cancers are often not detected until their mid-to-late stages due to the lack of screening tests, the inaccessibility of routine medical care, and a deficit of symptom awareness; and

WHEREAS; while symptoms of gynecologic cancers vary widely, common signs may include abnormal vaginal bleeding, abdominal bloating, back pain, increased feeling of fullness when eating, pelvic pain, frequent urination, constipation, and vulvar pain or discoloration; and

WHEREAS; treatment of gynecologic cancers can vary depending on the type of cancer, whether the cancer has spread, and the age of the patient, with treatment options ranging from hormone therapy to radiation therapy or chemotherapy to surgery, such as hysterectomy, also known as the removal of the uterus; and

WHEREAS; early detection through routine screenings and follow-up appointments, vaccination against HPV, and awareness of warning signs can aid in the prevention and early treatment of certain gynecologic cancers; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins those impacted by gynecologic cancers, alongside dedicated advocates and organizations across the state, in spreading awareness of gynecologic cancer, its risk factors, and the importance of early detection to increase life expectancy, reduce the burden of healthcare costs, and promote overall health and wellness;

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

GYNECOLOGIC 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