

WHEREAS; newborn screening is a vital public health program that identifies serious, often hidden, medical conditions in newborns shortly after birth, allowing for early treatment and improved health outcomes; and

WHEREAS; roughly 4 million babies are born in the United States each year, including approximately 60,000 in Wisconsin, and each state has a newborn screening program designed to identify and detect a range of potentially life-threatening disorders and conditions, including blood, hearing, endocrine, and cardiac disorders that may affect a child’s long-term health and survival; and

WHEREAS; newborn screening promotes early treatment, informs families about the needs of their newborn, and allows healthcare providers and families to find the right specialists for their newborn’s care, all of which enables Wisconsin’s kids to live full and healthy lives; and

WHEREAS; newborn screening is considered one of the most successful public health initiatives, and the state of Wisconsin has a long and successful history of advancing newborn screening initiatives; and

WHEREAS; raising public awareness of the importance of newborn screening is crucial to ensure that families understand its benefits and can advocate for the health of their kids; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that every kid and family has the resources to live a healthy life and reach their highest potential, and joins healthcare professionals, parents, families, and dedicated advocates in recognizing the importance of newborn screening;

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

NEWBORN SCREENING 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