

WHEREAS; according to the American Cancer Society, prostate cancer is the most common cancer and second-leading cause of cancer-related death among men in the United States, and approximately one in eight men will be diagnosed with the disease in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS; the American Cancer Society further estimates that in 2026, more than 333,830 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in the United States—including 7,050 new cases in Wisconsin—resulting in an estimated 36,320 deaths nationwide and 790 deaths in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; while early stages of prostate cancer rarely have signs, symptoms may include frequent urination, weak or uncomfortable urine flow, loss of bowel or bladder control, and low back, hip, or chest pain; and

WHEREAS; when diagnosed and treated early, the five-year survival rate for prostate cancer nears 100 percent, but, unfortunately, survival rates drop to approximately 30 percent if the cancer spreads to the bones and other parts of the body, underscoring the importance of early detection and diagnosis; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins patients, survivors, and their families, alongside the dedicated healthcare professionals, advocates, and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of prostate cancer, supporting research, and embracing hope for improved screening, diagnoses, and treatments;

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

PROSTATE 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