

WHEREAS; sepsis is an extreme response to infection, and when left untreated, can be life-threatening, resulting in tissue damage, organ failure, and death; and

WHEREAS; impacting approximately 1.7 million adults in the U.S. each year, sepsis is one of the leading causes of death in hospitals, and even after overcoming sepsis, survivors often experience long-term effects such as post-sepsis syndrome, which can include joint and muscle pain, diminished organ function, memory loss, and more; and

WHEREAS; infants, seniors, individuals with chronic illnesses, and individuals with weakened immune systems are at a greater risk of developing sepsis, and the risk of death from sepsis increases with every hour that treatment is delayed, underscoring the importance of early diagnosis and treatment to save lives and improve outcomes for survivors; and

WHEREAS; despite the prevalence and devastating consequences of sepsis, public awareness of the signs and symptoms—which can be remembered using the acronym T.I.M.E., which stands for temperature, infection, mental decline, and extremely ill—is lacking, especially within historically marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins sepsis survivors and their families, along with dedicated advocates and organizations across the state and country, in raising awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis in the hopes that further awareness and education will lead to earlier diagnoses and treatment and better outcomes for affected individuals;

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

SEPSIS 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