

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; diversity makes the state stronger, enriching Wisconsin's communities and culture, and ensuring the state's future success; and

*WHEREAS*; research from the Human Rights Campaign suggests that individuals identifying as bisexual make up the largest group within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community; and

*WHEREAS*; first observed in 1999 at the International Lesbian and Gay Association Conference, Celebrate Bisexuality Day was established by Gigi Raven Wilbur, Wendy Curry, and Michael Page to support and uplift the bisexual community, and Bisexual Awareness Week was established by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation in 2014; and

*WHEREAS*; bisexual individuals often face challenges similar to those faced by other members of the LGBTQ community, including harmful stereotyping and a lack of support, reassurance, and acceptance from friends, family, and communities; and

*WHEREAS*; it is essential to recognize the diverse experiences and identities within the bisexual community that make each person's lived experience unique, including intersecting identities such as gender, race, class, and ability; and

*WHEREAS*; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins the LGBTQ community and allies across the state in celebrating diverse bisexual identities and reaffirming the state's commitment to ensuring that every Wisconsinite feels welcome and can stand boldly in their truth without fear of persecution, judgment, or discrimination;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 16 – 23, 2024, as

## BISEXUAL AWARENESS WEEK

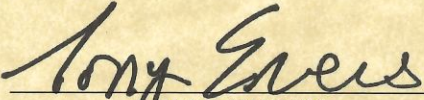
and September 23, 2024, as

## CELEBRATE BISEXUALITY DAY

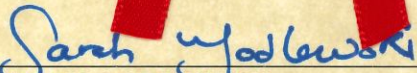
throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



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 29th day  
of August 2024.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State