

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Usher syndrome impacts three major senses in the body—vision, hearing, and balance—and is characterized by progressive vision loss due to the mutation of retinal cells, hearing loss that is either congenital or progressive, and balance issues resulting from vestibular dysfunction; and

WHEREAS; there are three clinical types of Usher syndrome, distinguished by the severity of symptoms and the age at which they first appear, and several different genetic types, which can be determined through DNA testing; and

WHEREAS; while treatments, including visual rehabilitation, hearing aids, and the teaching of non-auditory languages, can help combat symptoms of Usher syndrome, the condition currently has no cure; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all affected individuals, families, and dedicated advocates and organizations in raising awareness of the disorder, supporting all those affected by Usher syndrome, and encouraging research into improved treatments and therapies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 19, 2026, as

USHER SYNDROME AWARENESS 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 28th day
of August 2026.

Handwritten signature of Tony Evers in black ink.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Handwritten signature of Sarah Godlewski in blue ink.
SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State