WHEREAS; learning disabilities affect cognitive processes related to learning, often interfering with the development of language and mathematics skills, as well as other areas of comprehension and attainment in school-age children; and

WHEREAS; while learning disabilities can present lifelong challenges and affect people of all ages, symptoms generally appear in childhood, and early identification of a learning disability increases the possibility of successful intervention; and

WHEREAS; roughly 10 percent of people in the United States are diagnosed with a learning disability at some point during their lives, and risk factors, including family history, premature birth, fetal exposure to alcohol or other substances, malnutrition, exposure to environmental toxins, adverse childhood experiences, and traumatic brain injuries, may increase the likelihood of developing a learning disability; and

WHEREAS; all individuals with learning disabilities deserve access to best-practice interventions, tools, and resources that can help them succeed inside and outside of the classroom and throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS; advocacy is critical to preserving and advancing the rights of individuals with learning disabilities, and further research into their causes is essential to developing better recognition, assessment, and intervention strategies and reducing the incidence of learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to supporting all Wisconsinites with learning disabilities and joins affected students, families, educators, and advocates in spreading awareness;

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

LEARNING DISABILITIES 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 24th day of September 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State