WHEREAS; research shows that vast disparities in health persist across the state and country, and that women of color—particularly Black women—are disproportionately affected; and

WHEREAS; Black women in Wisconsin and across the United States face an increased risk of heart disease, certain cancers, stroke, and maternal health complications, among other health challenges, when compared to their white counterparts; and

WHEREAS; widespread disparities in health outcomes affecting Black women are not the consequence of individual habits or poor choices, but rather centuries of systemic racism, sexism, bias, and discrimination in society and healthcare systems; and

WHEREAS; institutional factors at the root of health disparities must be addressed, and increased access to quality, culturally competent care and education in communities of color must be met to improve the health and wellness of Black women statewide; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin commends organizations across the state that are doing important work to address health disparities facing Black women and girls by partnering with their communities to inform and inspire women of color to build and maintain healthy, balanced lives; and

WHEREAS; organized by the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness, Black Women's Wellness Day is an annual health summit intended to promote the health and wellness of Black women and girls and to ensure they can make the healthcare choices that are right for them to live healthy, full lives; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to investing in Black women's wellness and taking action to make the state a safer, healthier, more equitable, more just, and more empowering environment for Black women, girls, and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 3 2026 as

BLACK WOMEN'S WELLNESS 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 September 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State