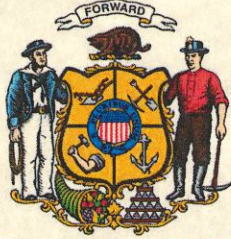


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; coming out, which is the public self-acknowledgment of belonging to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or queer (LGBTQ) community, is recognized by many as a significant life experience, often transforming the loneliness and self-denial that can come with concealing one's identity into the fulfillment of being true to oneself and claiming dignity, empowerment, and self-respect, as well as support from others; and

*WHEREAS*; founded in 1988 to celebrate the anniversary of the second National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, National Coming Out Day is observed every year on October 11 as a day of self-affirmation and awareness of LGBTQ issues, as well as a celebration of identity and the growth of the LGBTQ movement over the years; and

*WHEREAS*; generations of LGBTQ Wisconsinites and Americans have worked to overcome seemingly insurmountable challenges and adversity, combating social stigma, demanding visibility and representation, and demonstrating incredible resilience and joy; and

*WHEREAS*; while the state has taken critical steps toward achieving true equality for all Wisconsinites, there is still considerable work to be done to ensure that all LGBTQ-identifying Wisconsinites—and transgender individuals and LGBTQ people of color, in particular—are treated equitably and with dignity under the law in Wisconsin and across the country, and the state continues its work to affirm and defend the rights of LGBTQ individuals in the face of hate, discrimination, and bigotry; and

*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin joins community advocates and organizations across the state in reaffirming that every Wisconsinite deserves to 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 October 11, 2025, as

## NATIONAL COMING OUT 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 2025.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State