

WHEREAS; Wisconsin residents of all ages, including aging and older adults and individuals with disabilities, deserve to live with dignity, security, independence, and a positive quality of life; and

WHEREAS; federally recognized Tribal Nations in Wisconsin and their designated Tribal Aging Units help carry out the Older Americans Act and the Wisconsin Elders Act and have long advocated for culturally relevant services to support aging and disability resource needs within their communities; and

WHEREAS; through critical partnerships with Tribal aging and disability resource specialists, regional aging and disability resource centers, adult protective services programs, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), Tribal benefit specialists, and more, Tribal Nations in Wisconsin work to ensure Tribal elders and individuals with disabilities receive reliable information, advice, and streamlined access to appropriate services and supports; and

WHEREAS; moreover, to support Tribal citizens who have dementia, DHS’s Tribal Dementia Care Specialist program has grown to reach all 11 federally recognized Tribal Nations in Wisconsin, offering education, caregiver support, and community outreach to advance dementia awareness and foster supportive Tribal communities; and

WHEREAS; the commitment and care shown by Tribal communities and program partners strengthen families, empower caregivers, and ensure that elders and Wisconsinites living with disabilities can maintain self-sufficiency, create pathways to health, age with dignity, and continue a cultural connection in the communities they call home; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins Tribal Nations in celebrating the aging and disability community and the many advocates, specialists, and caregivers who work to ensure all Tribal citizens can live with dignity, and reaffirms its commitment to supporting Tribal Nations in their efforts to provide security, independence, and positive life quality to Tribal elders and individuals with disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 12 through 18 2025 as

**TRIBAL AGING AND DISABILITY PROGRAM  
PARTNERS WEEK**

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 8th day of October 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State