WHEREAS; invisible disabilities refer to physical, mental, or neurological conditions that are not outwardly perceivable or apparent and, therefore, can cause the affected individual to struggle with misunderstandings, false perceptions, and judgment; and

WHEREAS; disabilities, chronic illnesses, chronic pain, and injuries can all be considered invisible disabilities and can range from minor movement, sensory, or activity impairment to conditions that are completely debilitating; and

WHEREAS; many individuals with invisible disabilities face criticism and are accused of faking or exaggerating their conditions, which can result in a lack of funding for necessary programs and research, accommodations, medical resources, and overall support for those with invisible disabilities; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the disability community in raising awareness of invisible disabilities and working to educate, uplift, and connect individuals with invisible disabilities so that these conditions are acknowledged, recognized, and understood;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 18 through 24 2026 as

INVISIBLE DISABILITIES 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 19th day of October 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State