

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; according to the World Health Organization, asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) are two of the most common types of chronic respiratory diseases; and

WHEREAS; with asthma affecting an estimated 262 million people and COPD being one of the leading causes of death worldwide, the far-reaching effects of these diseases underscore the importance of the work done by respiratory care practitioners; and

WHEREAS; among other responsibilities, Wisconsin's more than 2,600 respiratory care practitioners manage ventilators in intensive care units, perform cardiopulmonary function tests used to diagnose lung and heart disease, and provide patient education and smoking cessation counseling; and

WHEREAS; Respiratory Care Week provides the opportunity to raise public awareness of pulmonary diseases and recognize the dedicated professionals who deliver respiratory care in hospitals, emergency departments, and home care settings across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin celebrates the respiratory care practitioners working across the state for their dedication to patient care and their numerous contributions to the well-being of all Wisconsinites;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 19 – 25, 2025, as

RESPIRATORY CARE 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 20th day
of October 2025.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski
SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State