WHEREAS; polio is an infectious, debilitating, and life-threatening disease that was once endemic across much of the world, but through scientific advancements and technological innovation, can now be prevented through immunization; and

WHEREAS; while the World Health Organization estimates that polio cases have dropped by over 99 percent since 1988, total eradication of the disease has not yet been reached, underscoring the importance of every adult and child receiving the polio vaccine; and

WHEREAS; all Wisconsinites can protect themselves from polio through vaccination, and most adults who were vaccinated as a kid are protected through adulthood; and

WHEREAS; educating Wisconsinites about the importance of immunization and routine vaccinations in childhood and throughout their lifetime is key to ensuring public health, safety, and awareness, and the state remains committed to providing equitable access to both education and immunization in every community; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to providing programs and services that lower barriers to preventative healthcare, including vaccinations, and encourages all Wisconsinites to support the fight for a polio-free world;

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

WORLD POLIO 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 19th day of October 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State