STATE of WISCONSIN



Proclamation

WHEREAS; epidermolysis bullosa (EB) is a group of genetic connective tissue disorders marked by extremely fragile skin that results in the development of recurrent, painful blisters, open sores, and, in some forms of the disease, disfiguring scars, disabling musculoskeletal deformities, and internal blistering; and

WHEREAS; although there are at least four types of EB, all varying in severity, Cleveland Clinic estimates that EB impacts one in 50,000 individuals nationwide and can affect anyone—regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, or background; and

WHEREAS; while there is no known cure for EB, treatment typically focuses on symptom management and mitigation, complication prevention, and quality of life improvement, which can be achieved through a combination of medication, surgery, rehabilitation therapy, and lifestyle changes; and

WHEREAS; promoting greater public awareness of EB is critical for affected individuals and their families, who often struggle to overcome the emotional, educational, and social challenges related to living with EB; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all affected individuals, their families, and dedicated healthcare professionals, organizations, and advocates across the state in spreading awareness of epidermolysis bullosa, promoting ongoing research, and embracing hope for improved treatments and a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 25 – 31, 2025, as

EPIDERMOLYSIS BULLOSA AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

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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.

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By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSK Secretary of State