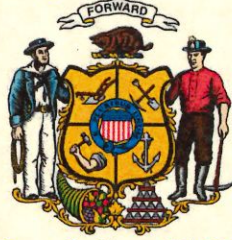


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) refers to progressive and irreversible lung and airway damage, often caused by smoking, genetic disorders, secondhand smoke exposure, toxins in the air, or exposure to dust or fumes; and

WHEREAS; emphysema and chronic bronchitis are the most common types of COPD, and according to the American Lung Association, more than 11 million adults in the United States live with COPD, including more than 280,000 in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; often, symptoms of COPD do not appear until significant lung damage has occurred, and such symptoms may include difficulty breathing, wheezing or whistling when breathing, chronic coughing, chest tightness or heaviness, fatigue, frequent lung infections, unexplained weight loss, and ankle, feet, or leg swelling; and

WHEREAS; while there is no known cure for COPD, treatment typically focuses on symptom management, reducing exacerbation, and quality of life improvements, frequently achieved through a combination of medication, therapies, and lifestyle changes; and

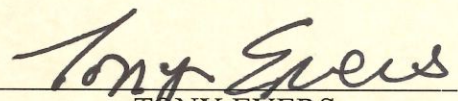
WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all affected individuals and their families, as well as dedicated healthcare professionals, advocates, and organizations in spreading awareness of COPD and embracing hope for improved treatments and eventually, a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim November 2025 as

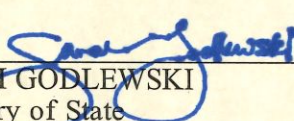
CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

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 31st day of
October 2025.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State