WHEREAS; according to Cleveland Clinic, Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency (Alpha-1) is a progressive genetic condition that can cause damage to the lungs and liver; and

WHEREAS; common lung symptoms of Alpha-1 often include shortness of breath, wheezing, chronic cough, extreme tiredness, and frequent chest colds, and common symptoms of liver disease caused by Alpha-1 may include jaundice, itchy skin, leg or abdominal swelling, or throwing up blood; and

WHEREAS; research suggests that Alpha-1 often goes undiagnosed or misdiagnosed and that the majority of those with the disorder are unaware of their condition; and

WHEREAS; early diagnosis and treatment of Alpha-1 are associated with better disease outcomes and quality of life, highlighting the importance of greater awareness and improved research and detection of the disease; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all affected individuals, their loved ones, and dedicated healthcare professionals, advocates, and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of Alpha-1 in the hopes that further awareness and education will lead to earlier diagnoses, improved treatments and outcomes, and a cure;

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

ALPHA-1 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 29th day of October 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State