WHEREAS; lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in the country, accounting for approximately 125,000 deaths in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS; according to the American Cancer Society, an estimated over 4,200 new lung and bronchus cancer cases will be diagnosed, and more than 2,300 deaths will occur from lung and bronchus cancer in Wisconsin in 2026; and

WHEREAS; recognizing early symptoms, including a persistent or worsening cough, chest pain, shortness of breath, hoarseness, and unexplained weight loss, is critical to receiving timely diagnoses; and

WHEREAS; although advances have been made in detection and treatment, racial disparities in cancer diagnosis, surgical and nonsurgical treatment, and survival persist, underscoring the need for increased access to quality healthcare and awareness; and

WHEREAS; treatment for lung cancer varies by type, age, stage, and progression, but often may include surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation therapy; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all lung cancer survivors, those who are battling the disease, their loved ones, and the state's dedicated healthcare professionals in spreading awareness, committing to public education, and embracing hope for earlier diagnoses and improved treatments;

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

LUNG CANCER 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