

STATE of WISCONSIN



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Proclamation

WHEREAS; mental health includes one's emotional, psychological, and social well-being, and it affects how one thinks, feels, acts, handles stress, relates to others, and makes choices; and

WHEREAS; mental health conditions are real and prevalent in the lives of Wisconsinites of every age and in every corner of the state, and ensuring that all Wisconsinites have adequate access to mental health services is essential to the overall health and wellness of the state; and

WHEREAS; mental health professionals, along with personal support systems, can help folks embrace and access the tools needed to address mental health needs, build resilience, and take a step closer to a happier and healthier future; and

WHEREAS; while working to address mental health, the stigma that surrounds mental health challenges—that far too often prevents individuals from seeking help—must also be addressed; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin has been proud to advance and support unique and innovative solutions that address the need for increased mental health resources and services, including through efforts to increase funding for the “Get Kids Ahead” initiative and other measures that address student mental health in K-12 schools, along with resources for individuals struggling with substance use and other mental and behavioral health disorders, and building on these efforts, the 2023-25 biennial budget proposes a groundbreaking \$500 million investment to bolster mental and behavioral health services throughout the state; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin recognizes the importance of mental health to overall health, affirms that mental and behavioral healthcare is healthcare, and encourages all Wisconsinites to take good care of themselves and one another;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 2023 as

MENTAL HEALTH 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 28th day of April 2023.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State