

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; perpetrators of domestic violence intentionally use physical, sexual, emotional, economic, psychological, and/or cultural abuse to control their partners, violating their dignity, security, and mental and physical well-being; and

WHEREAS; domestic violence causes significant and long-lasting trauma to countless people of all identities, and in 2025, more than 31,000 survivors sought lifesaving assistance from local Wisconsin domestic violence service providers and shelters, according to the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF); and

WHEREAS; the lived experience of domestic violence survivors and the barriers faced on their journey to healing from emotional, psychological, cultural, and physical abuse reflect the need to support survivors and prevent future violence; and

WHEREAS; the state recognizes all survivors of domestic violence for their resilience and acknowledges the vital work and achievements of all those working to end domestic violence throughout Wisconsin and the nation through legislation, advocacy, programming, and support; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins DCF, as well as survivors, their families, and local advocates and organizations, like the Milwaukee Bucks, in increasing awareness of and working to address the prevalence of violence in communities, remembering those who have lost their life or a loved one to domestic violence, and centering on the experiences of survivors and their journeys to heal;

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 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 21st day
of September 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Evers".

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Godlewski".
SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State