

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; according to Cleveland Clinic, appendix cancer, also called appendiceal cancer, is an extremely rare disease, affecting approximately one to two people out of every 1 million in the United States each year, which is significantly less than even one percent of the population; and

*WHEREAS*; due in part to its rarity, appendix cancer is often misunderstood, meaning that patients with appendix cancer often experience misdiagnosis or delayed diagnosis, negatively affecting their quality of life and chances of survival; and

*WHEREAS*; symptoms of appendix cancer vary widely from person to person, but often include appendicitis, bloating, abdominal fluid buildup, increased waist size, abdominal or pelvic pain, bowel changes, nausea, and feeling of fullness after eating small amounts; and

*WHEREAS*; most commonly, appendix cancer is diagnosed following an appendectomy or unrelated abdominal test, surgery, or scan, underscoring the need for early symptom recognition and increased awareness amid rising rates of appendix cancer; and

*WHEREAS*; treatment for appendix cancer varies by type, age, stage, and progression, but may often include surgery, chemotherapy, and targeted drug therapy, and the five-year survival rate for low-grade appendix cancer is between 67 and 97 percent, although the survival rate for aggressive or late-stage appendix cancer can be much lower; and


*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins patients, survivors, healthcare professionals, advocates, and dedicated organizations across the state and country in spreading awareness of appendix cancer, supporting research, and embracing hope for improved diagnoses and treatment;

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

## NATIONAL APPENDIX 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 26th day  
of August 2025.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State