WHEREAS; Marfan syndrome is a genetic connective tissue condition that can involve many parts of the body, including the heart, blood vessels, eyes, bones, joints, and lungs, that can become life-threatening under certain conditions; and

WHEREAS; Marfan syndrome can result in varying degrees of disability, pain, and musculoskeletal issues, often leading to a lifelong series of multi-system health problems; and

WHEREAS; according to Johns Hopkins Medicine, approximately 200,000 people in the United States are impacted by the disease; and

WHEREAS; while advances in medicine have improved management of the condition, the number and severity of symptoms can differ significantly among affected individuals, resulting in Marfan syndrome often being misdiagnosed or underdiagnosed, which can delay timely treatments that are essential to ensuring affected individuals have a satisfactory quality of life; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals with Marfan syndrome, their families, and advocates across the state in raising awareness of Marfan syndrome to achieve timely diagnoses and effective treatments for all those living with the condition;

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

MARFAN SYNDROME 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 3rd day of January 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State