

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; congenital heart disease (CHD) is a general term that refers to a wide range of congenital disorders affecting the heart; and

*WHEREAS*; according to the Children's Heart Foundation, CHD is the most prevalent congenital disorder in the United States, affecting one in every 110 births, and is the leading congenital disorder-related cause of death; and

*WHEREAS*; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 40,000 babies are born with CHD in the United States each year, and while there is no known cure, the majority of individuals born with non-critical CHD now live past the age of 18 thanks to advancements in science and medicine; and

*WHEREAS*; even with these advancements, CHD is a lifelong disease, and affected individuals often face health risks that require additional surgeries and medical interventions beyond childhood and many adults with CHD are not receiving the recommended care they need; and

*WHEREAS*; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins patients and families affected by CHD as they share their experiences and knowledge to raise awareness of CHD and its effects on individuals, families, and communities across the state;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim February 7 – 14, 2024, as

## CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK

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 December 2023.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State