

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Angelman syndrome is a rare neurogenetic disorder that primarily impacts the nervous system, affecting approximately one in 15,000 live births or 500,000 people worldwide, according to the Angelman Syndrome Foundation; and

*WHEREAS*; Angelman syndrome is a spectrum disorder, and affected children and adults can experience a wide range of symptoms, including issues with movement and balance, severe motor and speech impairments, disruptive sleep cycles, microcephaly, seizures, and more; and

*WHEREAS*; additionally, individuals living with Angelman syndrome often have unique behavioral characteristics, including a happy demeanor, which may include frequent laughing, smiling, and excitability; and

*WHEREAS*; symptoms of Angelman syndrome may start to appear as an infant, but on average, it can take years to diagnose accurately, and many individuals are often misdiagnosed for conditions that present similarly, underscoring the importance of genetic testing to ensure an accurate and complete diagnosis; and

*WHEREAS*; individuals living with Angelman syndrome and their families and caretakers often carry a large share of the burden of finding a medical expert, funding research, and raising public awareness to support research and effective and affordable treatments; and

*WHEREAS*; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins all affected individuals, their loved ones, and dedicated advocates and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of Angelman syndrome, supporting research, and embracing hope for improved treatments and a cure;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim February 15, 2025, as

## ANGELMAN SYNDROME DAY

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 January 2025.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State