

WHEREAS; according to Mayo Clinic, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a potentially disabling disease of the central nervous system, where the immune system attacks the protective sheath that covers nerve fibers and causes communication problems between the brain and the rest of the body; and

WHEREAS; the National Multiple Sclerosis Society estimates that nearly one million Americans are affected by MS, including many Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; while the cause of MS is unknown, Mayo Clinic reports that risk factors, including gender, race, environment, susceptibility to certain autoimmune diseases, genetics, and smoking, can increase the likelihood of MS, and symptom onset generally occurs between the ages of 20 to 40; and

WHEREAS; symptoms and signs of MS vary greatly and may include numbness or weakness in limbs, tingling or shock sensations, cognitive dysfunction, mood disturbances, and more; and

WHEREAS; while there has been progress in the development of medications to manage MS symptoms, speed recovery following attacks, reduce relapses, and slow overall disease progression, there currently is no cure; and

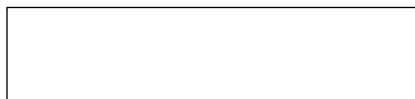
WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all individuals affected by MS and advocates in raising awareness of the disorder to improve care and clinical trial participation, encourage accurate diagnoses, and promote research opportunities that will lead to more comprehensive treatments and eventually a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 2024 as

## **MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS 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 2nd day of February 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State