

WHEREAS; according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINS), multiple system atrophy (MSA) is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder characterized by a combination of symptoms that affect both the central nervous system, which controls how a person moves, and the autonomic nervous system, which controls involuntary functions such as blood pressure and digestion; and

WHEREAS; NINDS further estimates that between 15,000 and 50,000 Americans are affected by MSA, including many Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; symptoms of MSA typically develop in adulthood and include problems with balance, coordination, gait, bladder and bowel functions, speech, swallowing, and breathing; and

WHEREAS; a multidisciplinary approach to MSA care includes physical, psychological, and financial support for affected individuals and caregivers, including through support groups; and

WHEREAS; while there are medications that treat symptoms and some clinical trials underway for the development of improved treatments, MSA currently has no cure; and

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

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

## **MULTIPLE SYSTEM ATROPHY 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 9th day of February 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State