## STATE of WISCONSIN



Proclamation

WHEREAS; bleeding disorders are a group of conditions in which the body is unable to form a proper blood clot, resulting in extended bleeding after trauma, injury, menstruation, and surgery that can be severely debilitating—and even fatal—if not treated effectively; and

WHEREAS; originally designated as Hemophilia Awareness Month in 1986, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month has been nationally redesignated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to reflect the wide range of bleeding and blood conditions—from hemophilia to von Willebrand Disease to anemia to HIV—since 2016; and

WHEREAS; there are millions of individuals in the United States living with a bleeding disorder, demonstrating the need for greater research and awareness surrounding these disorders, which often go unrecognized by the general public; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins advocacy and health organizations, hematologists, medical professionals, and affected individuals and families around the state in celebrating the advances made in treating bleeding disorders while recognizing the need for greater engagement from researchers, policymakers, and community members to develop better treatments and an eventual cure;

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

## BLEEDING DISORDERS 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.

GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI Secretary of State