

WHEREAS; according to the Allo Hope Foundation, during pregnancy, maternal alloimmunization occurs when the body makes red blood cell antibodies after being exposed to a blood type that is different from one's own, and these antibodies can cross the placenta and attack the fetus, a disease called hemolytic disease of the fetus and newborn (HDFN); and

WHEREAS; the Allo Hope Foundation further states that HDFN can have devastating consequences, including anemia, hyperbilirubinemia, and death, but that with close monitoring and timely treatment, babies with HDFN have a very high survival rate; and

WHEREAS; families affected by alloimmunization and HDFN often experience problems with diagnosis and referral delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and limited access to high-quality care and treatment; and

WHEREAS; while early detection, prevention, and treatment have increased greatly, further research and advocacy are needed to increase understanding, diagnosis, and awareness; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals, families, dedicated advocates, and organizations across the state in working towards increased awareness and greater support for all those affected by alloimmunization and HDFN across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 12 2024 as

ALLOIMMUNIZATION AND HDFN AWARENESS 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 19th day of February 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State