

WHEREAS; located on the short arm of the 19th chromosome, the CACNA1A gene is involved in the communication between neurons in the brain, and a change in this gene can impact the function of the encoded calcium channel, affecting the release of neurotransmitters; and

WHEREAS; according to the CACNA1A Foundation, individuals diagnosed with a CACNA1A variation may experience a variety of neurodevelopmental differences and disorders, including epilepsy, ataxia, migraines, cerebellar atrophy, and eye movement disorders; and

WHEREAS; in addition, affected individuals can also experience life-changing neurological emergencies, including hemiplegic migraine attacks, strokes, seizure emergencies, and cerebral edema; and

WHEREAS; while certain medications and dietary changes can treat CACNA1A variation symptoms, treatment options are limited, and there is no known cure; and

WHEREAS; families of individuals living with CACNA1A often bear a large share of the burden of supporting research into affordable treatments, which is why raising public awareness is so critical; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals and their families, along with dedicated advocates, medical professionals, and organizations across the state, in raising awareness of CACNA1A variations and the health issues connected to this chromosomal difference;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 19 2025 as

CACNA1A 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 6th day of March 2025.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State