

WHEREAS; Fabry disease is a progressive genetic disorder that, if not properly diagnosed and treated, has the potential to diminish quality of life and lead to premature death due to stroke, kidney failure, and heart failure; and

WHEREAS; caused by a deficiency of the enzyme alpha-galactosidase A, Fabry disease has two types, classic and late-onset, both characterized by a buildup of lipids in the body, leading to cell and organ damage, according to Cleveland Clinic; and

WHEREAS; symptoms of Fabry disease vary by type and severity and include numbness, pain during physical activity, temperature intolerance, abnormal eye pattern, dizziness, flu-like symptoms, gastrointestinal problems, hearing loss, high levels of protein in urine, raised skin lesions, lack of sweating, and swelling; and

WHEREAS; there are currently few approved treatments available for Fabry disease because it remains severely underdiagnosed, especially in women, making it critical that healthcare providers and families are made aware of the symptoms of Fabry disease and, if warranted, obtain a GLA gene test that can definitively assess the presence of this disorder; and

WHEREAS; while there is no cure for Fabry disease, early detection, diagnosis, and treatment are key to preventing irreversible damage to the body and protecting an individual’s overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals, families, dedicated advocates, healthcare providers, and organizations across the state in working towards increased awareness, quicker and more accurate diagnoses, and greater support for all those affected by Fabry disease across the state;

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

FABRY DISEASE 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 11th day of April 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State