

WHEREAS; according to Cleveland Clinic, myelin oligodendrocyte glycoprotein antibody-associated disease (MOGAD) is a rare autoimmune condition where an individual’s immune system attacks proteins in the protective cover around the nerves, causing symptoms affecting the eyes, brain, and spinal cord; and

WHEREAS; while the cause of MOGAD remains unknown, research has found that MOGAD can cause a broad spectrum of symptoms, including vision loss, paralysis, seizures, and disturbances of consciousness, and some cases of MOGAD can lead to lifelong disability; and

WHEREAS; as the variety and severity of symptoms can differ among affected individuals, those living with MOGAD may be misdiagnosed or underdiagnosed, which can delay timely treatments that are essential to ensuring affected individuals have a satisfactory quality of life; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the MOGAD community, their families, advocates, and healthcare professionals across the state in raising awareness of MOGAD to better understand this disease, promote research, improve patient care and outcomes, and ultimately find a cure;

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

MOGAD 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 31st day of March 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State