

WHEREAS; according to Cleveland Clinic, Fabry disease is a rare genetic lysosomal storage disorder where the body does not have enough of a certain enzyme that breaks down fats, and as a result, fats collect in blood vessels and tissues, raising the risk of heart attack, stroke, and kidney failure; and

WHEREAS; caused by a deficiency of the alpha-galactosidase A (GLA) gene, Fabry disease has two types, classic and late-onset, which reflect the age when symptoms first appear, and

WHEREAS; symptoms of Fabry disease vary by type and severity, yet may include numbness, pain during physical activity, swelling, temperature intolerance, lack of sweating, and more; and

WHEREAS; while approximately one out of every 40,000 men has classic Fabry disease and about one in every 1,500 to 4,000 men exhibits late-onset, experts cannot yet say how many women have the disease due to many women not experiencing symptoms or having mild, easy-to-dismiss symptoms; and

WHEREAS; because it remains severely underdiagnosed, there are few approved treatments available for Fabry disease, 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 known 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 2026 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 23rd day of March 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State