

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; APOL1-Mediated Kidney Disease (AMKD) is a severe form of kidney disease caused by mutations in one or both APOL1 genes, the genes that play a role in bodily immunity and disease prevention; and

*WHEREAS*; according to the American Kidney Fund, APOL1 genetic mutations are passed down from parents, and people who are Black, Hispanic, or Latino are often at an increased risk for such gene mutations or developing kidney disease; and

*WHEREAS*; symptoms of an APOL1 gene mutation may include protein in the urine, leg swelling, weight gain, fatigue, or high blood pressure, and genetic testing is needed to determine if mutations are prevalent since symptoms may not appear until the kidneys are close to failure; and

*WHEREAS*; while there are no treatments currently available for AMKD, affected individuals should meet with their doctor to prevent or delay potential kidney disease, underscoring the importance of increased awareness and research; and


*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all affected individuals, their families, and dedicated advocates and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of AMKD and embracing hope for improved treatments and a cure;

NOW, *THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2024, as

### APOL1-MEDIATED KIDNEY DISEASE (AMKD) 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 17th day of April 2024.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State