

WHEREAS; cystic fibrosis (CF) is a genetic disease characterized by abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs, producing life-threatening lung infections, obstructing the pancreas, and preventing digestive enzymes from helping break down and absorb food; and

WHEREAS; according to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, CF affects roughly 40,000 people across the United States, and approximately 1,000 new cases of CF are diagnosed each year; and

WHEREAS; millions of Americans are symptomless carriers of the gene that causes CF, and a newborn blood screening to detect genetic disorders is the most reliable method to identify persons likely to have CF; and

WHEREAS; while the median life expectancy for a person with CF born between 2018 and 2022 is approximately 56 years, according to data from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, early diagnosis permits early treatment and enhances one's quality of life and longevity; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all those living with CF, their families, advocates, and dedicated organizations across the state and country in spreading awareness of CF and embracing hope that further research will lead to improved treatments and a cure;

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

CYSTIC FIBROSIS 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 3rd day of May 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State