

WHEREAS; according to the National Origination for Rare Disorders, there are more than 10,000 known diseases and conditions classified as or considered rare, affecting nearly 30 million people in the United States, many of which require specialized or complex care; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin continuously strives to improve the quality of emergency medical services (EMS) and trauma care systems to ensure that all Wisconsinites, including those living with rare and chronic diseases, experience the highest standards of emergency care; and

WHEREAS; timely and appropriate emergency medical care is critical for individuals with complex medical conditions, as delays or improper treatment can often lead to life-threatening complications; and

WHEREAS; it is essential that communities across the state are prepared for medical or traumatic emergencies involving people with rare and chronic conditions, including ensuring that emergency medical personnel are properly trained, ambulances are sufficiently equipped, emergency departments are ready, and specialized treatment protocols and procedures are well-defined to handle an array of complex medical needs; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals, dedicated advocates, and organizations, including EMS providers and specialized care professionals, in raising awareness of the critical importance of delivering quality emergency medical care and specialized emergency treatment to individuals living with rare and chronic conditions;

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

**SPECIALIZED EMERGENCY TREATMENT FOR  
RARE AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS  
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 5th day of May 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State