

WHEREAS; eosinophils are a type of white blood cell, and when an individual has elevated numbers of eosinophils in their digestive system without a known case, they may have an eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorder; and

WHEREAS; eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders are chronic and require long-term management, with often-debilitating symptoms—including difficulty swallowing, food impaction, and pain—that can greatly impact quality of life and lead to missed time at school, work, and daily activities; and

WHEREAS; the cause of eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders remains unknown, but food and environmental allergies are believed to play a role; and

WHEREAS; while eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders are rare, they are becoming more commonly diagnosed with increased awareness and research; and

WHEREAS; there are currently no validated non-invasive biomarkers to assess disease activity, which means that diagnosis and ongoing disease management of eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders require repeated endoscopies; and

WHEREAS; increased awareness of eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders has helped medical professionals to better recognize the varying manifestations of the diseases, but further research is necessary to ensure more successful diagnostic tools and treatments are identified; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all those affected by eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders and their families, along with dedicated advocates and organizations across the state, in raising awareness and understanding of eosinophilic disorder, in order to promote research, improve patient care and outcomes, spread compassion, and find a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 14 through 20, 2023, as

NATIONAL EOSINOPHIL AWARENESS WEEK

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 7th day of April 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State