

WHEREAS; according to Mayo Clinic, childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) is a rare speech disorder that causes kids to have trouble controlling their lips, jaws, and tongues when speaking; and

WHEREAS; while the act of learning to speak may come easier to most kids, children with CAS often endure an incredible and lengthy struggle; and

WHEREAS; without early, intensive, and frequent speech therapy intervention, kids with CAS are placed at high risk for secondary impacts in other school-related skills, such as reading and writing, and might never learn to communicate with their own voice, potentially impacting future independence and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS; increased public awareness about CAS in Wisconsin is essential to supporting those affected by this disorder and their families, as well as the professionals working to provide needed services and care; and

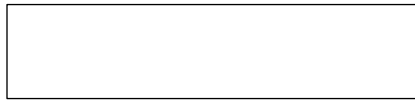
WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin commends all kids living with CAS for their resilience and joins all affected individuals and their families, along with dedicated advocates and organizations across the state, in raising awareness of childhood apraxia of speech;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 14 2024 as

## **APRAXIA 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 26th day of April 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State