

WHEREAS; mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS) and mucolipidosis (ML) are rare, genetic lysosomal storage disorders caused by the body’s inability to produce certain enzymes, leading to a progressive buildup of harmful materials and ultimately causing damage to the body, impacting quality of life and shortening life expectancy; and

WHEREAS; due to the rare nature of the disease, individuals and families affected by MPS and ML often experience problems with delays in obtaining an accurate diagnosis, difficulty finding a healthcare provider with expertise in their condition, and a lack of access to treatments or ancillary services; and

WHEREAS; although certain medications and treatments are available to help manage the various physical and neurological symptoms associated with MPS and ML, there is currently no known cure, and individuals and families impacted by MPS and ML often bear a large share of the burden of advocating for and funding research; and

WHEREAS; MPS Awareness Day underscores the importance of increasing public awareness around MPS, ML, and related diseases to help foster compassion, understanding, and support for those living with these disorders and their families; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin recognizes the individuals living with MPS and ML, as well as their families, healthcare professionals, advocacy groups, and researchers across Wisconsin, and joins them in increasing awareness of these diseases, promoting research, and working towards improved patient care and outcomes, and eventually, a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 15 2026 as

MPS 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 8th day of May 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State