

# STATE *of* WISCONSIN



## OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

# *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS*; Tarlov cyst disease (TCD) is a rare disease characterized by the formation of cerebrospinal fluid-filled sacs in the nerve roots in the spine, most commonly near the base of the spine; and

*WHEREAS*; when asymptomatic, TCD may still cause bone erosion, radicular pain, weakness, and neurologic dysfunction due to nerve compression and inflammation, and when symptomatic, the disease can be progressive, extremely painful, and debilitating and often limits an affected individual's ability to walk, sit, or stand; and

*WHEREAS*; symptoms of TCD include but are not limited to varying levels of intractable pain, usually defined by cyst location and associated nerve distribution; and

*WHEREAS*; TCD pain often mimics other conditions, making the disease difficult to diagnose; and

*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all those affected by TCD, along with dedicated advocates and organizations across the state, in spreading awareness of the disease in the hopes of furthering research on the origins of the disease, ensuring better diagnoses, and developing non-invasive treatments and neurosurgical procedures;


*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 16, 2023, as

## **TARLOV CYST DISEASE AWARENESS DAY**

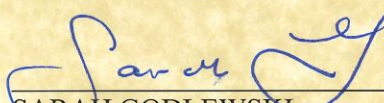
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.



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 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State