

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; according to the Cleveland Clinic, although studies show that only five to eight percent of those diagnosed with TCD experience symptoms, individuals who do experience symptoms may experience varying levels of lower back pain, usually defined by cyst location and associated nerve distribution, numbness, and headaches; and

WHEREAS; while the exact cause of TCD is unknown, research suggests the disease may be caused by cerebrospinal fluid leaks from traumatic spinal injuries or inflammation of the nerve roots’ protective sheath; and

WHEREAS; TCD pain often mimics other conditions, making the disease difficult to diagnose, and often tests, including MRI or CT scans, are needed for accurate diagnoses; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all those affected by TCD, along with dedicated medical professionals, advocates, and organizations across the state, in spreading awareness of the disease with the goal 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 2025 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 16th day of May 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State