

# STATE of WISCONSIN



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## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; neurofibromatosis (NF) is a group of three genetic disorders distinguished by the growth of tumors on nerves throughout the body of an affected individual, possibly impacting the development of the brain, cardiovascular system, bones, and skin; and

*WHEREAS*; NF can cause blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, debilitating pain, and cancer, and according to the Neurofibromatosis Clinics Association, it impacts two million people worldwide; and

*WHEREAS*; despite the prevalence of NF, a lack of awareness persists, and work remains to ensure the early diagnosis, proper management and treatment, and prevention of complications of NF in all affected people; and


*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin joins patients, families, advocates, and dedicated organizations in raising awareness of neurofibromatosis, supporting additional research, and working to increase access to treatment and prevention services for those affected in Wisconsin, across the country, and around the world;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2024, as

### WORLD NEUROFIBROMATOSIS 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