

WHEREAS; eosinophils are a type of white blood cell, and when an individual has elevated numbers of eosinophils in their digestive system without a known cause, they may have an eosinophilic gastrointestinal disease (EGIDs); and

WHEREAS; EGIDs are chronic and require long-term management, with often debilitating symptoms—including difficulty swallowing, food impaction, and pain—that can greatly impact quality of life and lead to missed time at school, work, and daily activities; and

WHEREAS; the cause of EGIDs remains unknown, and food and environmental allergies are believed to play a role, but there are currently no validated non-invasive biomarkers to assess disease activity, meaning that diagnosis and ongoing disease management require an endoscopy with biopsy; and

WHEREAS; increased awareness of EGIDs has helped medical professionals to better recognize the varying manifestations of the diseases, but further research is necessary to ensure more successful diagnostic tools and treatments are identified; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all those affected by EGIDs and their families, along with dedicated advocates and organizations across the state, in raising awareness and understanding of these disorders in order to promote research, improve patient care and outcomes, spread compassion, and find a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 19 through 25 2024 as

NATIONAL EOSINOPHIL AWARENESS WEEK


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