

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; GM1 gangliosidosis is a rare inherited lysosomal disorder characterized by neurodegeneration and a progressive loss of abilities until death; and

*WHEREAS*; early symptoms of GM1 gangliosidosis vary by type but may include seizures, vision and hearing problems, and muscle weakness; and

*WHEREAS*; GM1 gangliosidosis can affect people of all ages and can leave kids, adolescents, and adults alike impaired with significant physical and developmental disability; and

*WHEREAS*; previous research suggests that GM1 gangliosidosis occurs in one in every 100,000 to 200,000 live births, but the disease remains severely under-diagnosed and often misdiagnosed due to a lack of public awareness and visibility; and

*WHEREAS*; GM1 gangliosidosis has no cure, and early diagnosis is essential to the timely management of clinical complications, genetic counseling, and treatment and therapeutic remedies for affected individuals; and

*WHEREAS*; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals and families, as well as dedicated advocates and organizations across the state, throughout the country, and around the world, in raising awareness of GM1 gangliosidosis to increase the accurate and timely diagnosis of the disorder and encourage research into improved treatments and, ultimately, a cure;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 23, 2023, as

## INTERNATIONAL GM1 GANGLIOSIDOSIS 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State