

WHEREAS; GM1 gangliosidosis is a rare inherited lysosomal disorder that progressively destroys nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, primarily affecting infants and young children; and

WHEREAS; early symptoms of GM1 gangliosidosis vary by type, but several known symptoms include developmental regression, seizures, visual impairment, and progressive loss of motor and cognitive functions, leading to severely shortened life expectancy; and

WHEREAS; while GM1 gangliosidosis primarily affects infants and young children, the disorder can still affect people of all ages and can leave anyone affected impaired with significant physical and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS; according to Cleveland Clinic, GM1 gangliosidosis affects approximately one in every 100,000 to 200,000 people worldwide, but the disease remains severely underdiagnosed and often misdiagnosed due to a lack of public awareness and visibility; and

WHEREAS; while GM1 gangliosidosis has no cure and there are currently no approved treatments for the disease, early diagnosis is still critical to helping affected individuals navigate symptom management and improve quality of life; and

WHEREAS; today, 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 2026 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 8th day of May 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State