WHEREAS; X-linked hypophosphatemia (XLH) is a rare, inherited genetic condition that is estimated to affect approximately one out of every 20,000 individuals, and fewer than 50,000 people in the United States have this disease, according to the National Institutes of Health; and

WHEREAS; the condition is characterized by abnormally low levels of phosphate in the blood, leading to serious and debilitating symptoms on an affected individual's bones, teeth, joints, muscles, hearing, and nervous system, and symptoms typically first appear in infancy and early childhood; and

WHEREAS; individuals affected by XLH and their families often encounter a variety of obstacles outside of the illness itself, such as difficulty obtaining accurate and timely diagnoses, finding effective treatment options, and affording treatments; and

WHEREAS; while XLH has no cure, dedicated researchers around the world continue their efforts to understand how genetic mutations work and advance treatments with the hope that one day, a cure will be found; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals affected by XLH, their families, and dedicated advocates and organizations in raising awareness of the condition, promoting educational programs for new parents and healthcare providers, and embracing hope for a cure;

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

## XLH AWARENESS MONTH

and June 23 2024 as

## XLH AWARENESS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

	have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State e at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 17 <sup>th</sup> day of May 2024
TONY EVERS, Governor	
By the Governor:	

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State