STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; according to the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD), familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) is a rare inherited cancer predisposition syndrome characterized by the development of hundreds to thousands of precancerous colorectal polyps which, if left undiagnosed or untreated, can lead to colorectal cancer and predispose affected individuals to other cancers; and

WHEREAS; NORD further reports that attenuated familial adenomatous polyposis (AFAP) is a variant of the condition characterized by an increased risk for colorectal cancer, although lower risk than classical FAP, with fewer polyps that exhibit a later age of onset; and

WHEREAS; while many individuals with FAP/AFAP may not be aware of their condition, research suggests that children of affected individuals are at a 50 percent risk of inheriting the condition, underscoring the importance of screening and diagnosis; and

WHEREAS; FAP/AFAP can be diagnosed through colonoscopy and genetic testing, and appropriate screenings and proper health management can significantly reduce the risk of colon cancer and other cancers, greatly improving both life expectancy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals and their families, healthcare providers, and dedicated advocates and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of FAP/AFAP in order to ensure timely screening, diagnosis, and treatment of the condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 16 – 22, 2024, as

FAMILIAL ADENOMATOUS POLYPOSIS 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 29th day of May 2024.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State