

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; characterized by the presence of a hole in the abdominal wall of a developing fetus, gastroschisis is a condition that causes intestinal growth outside of the body; and

*WHEREAS*; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it is estimated that approximately one in every 2,400 babies in the United States are born with gastroschisis; and

*WHEREAS*; the exact cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown, and risk factors, such as young mothers, alcohol or tobacco use, or genitourinary infections, may increase fetal development of gastroschisis; and

*WHEREAS*; while infants born with gastroschisis often undergo corrective surgery soon after birth, many experience serious lifelong complications, including short bowel syndrome, feeding and digestive issues, and multiple organ transplants; and

*WHEREAS*; it is important to recognize that the families of infants born with gastroschisis often encounter a variety of problems outside of the condition itself, such as a sense of isolation and difficulties obtaining timely diagnoses, finding appropriate treatment options, and affording the few treatments that do exist; and

*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals, families, and dedicated advocates and organizations in spreading awareness, promoting research, and honoring all those who are living with or who have lost their lives to gastroschisis;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim July 30, 2024, as

## GASTROSCHISIS 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 19th day  
of June 2024.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State