

WHEREAS; according to Cleveland Clinic, acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) is a life-threatening lung injury that affects approximately 200,000 people in the United States and three million people worldwide each year; and

WHEREAS; often succeeding major illness or injury, including but not limited to sepsis, pneumonia, COVID-19, major burns, or trauma, ARDS develops in a matter of hours or days and is characterized by fluid buildup in the lung's air sacs, causing dangerously low blood oxygen levels; and

WHEREAS; treatment for ARDS frequently includes the use of mechanical ventilators, oxygen therapy, medications to minimize bodily fluid buildup, and physical therapy or rehabilitation to restore lung strength; and

WHEREAS; the risk of death from ARDS increases with every hour that treatment is delayed, underscoring the need for increased awareness and treatment to save lives and improve survivor outcomes; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals and their families, healthcare providers, and dedicated advocates and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of ARDS to ensure timely screening, diagnosis, and treatment of the condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim August 8 2024 as

WORLD ARDS 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 July 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State