

WHEREAS; hydrocephalus is a condition characterized by an excessive buildup of cerebrospinal fluid in the brain, resulting in the widening of ventricles and harmful pressure on brain tissue; and

WHEREAS; hydrocephalus may be present at birth or develop after birth due to injury or disease and can be fatal if left untreated; and

WHEREAS; there are several types of hydrocephalus, including communicating hydrocephalus, which occurs when cerebrospinal fluid is blocked from leaving the brain, non-communicating hydrocephalus, which occurs when cerebrospinal fluid is blocked from flowing within the brain, hydrocephalus ex-vacuo, which occurs when a stroke or other traumatic injury causes damage to the brain, and normal pressure hydrocephalus, which is most common among the aging and older population and for which the cause is often unknown; and

WHEREAS; experts estimate that hydrocephalus occurs in approximately one to two out of every 1,000 births, posing risks to both cognitive and physical development; and

WHEREAS; while hydrocephalus currently has no cure, treatment often entails repeated brain surgeries, and many individuals diagnosed with the condition also benefit from early intervention programs, rehabilitation therapies, and educational interventions; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals and families affected by hydrocephalus, along with dedicated organizations across the state, including local community networks of the Hydrocephalus Association, in raising awareness of hydrocephalus and supporting efforts to research its causes and treatment options;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 2023 as

HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH

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 5th day of September 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State