

WHEREAS; polycystic kidney disease (PKD) is a chronic, progressive disorder characterized by the growth of fluid-filled cysts in the kidneys of an affected individual, often causing kidney function to decline over time; and

WHEREAS; in addition to causing damage to the kidneys, PKD can also affect the cardiovascular, endocrine, hepatic, and gastrointestinal organ systems; and

WHEREAS; PKD is one of the leading causes of kidney failure in the United States, affecting individuals of all ages, races, genders, nationalities, geographic locations, and income levels, and currently, the condition has no cure; and

WHEREAS; while PKD can have negative effects on an individual's physical health, it is also important to recognize that people with chronic, life-threatening conditions often battle depression, suicidal thoughts, and other mental health challenges requiring support and understanding from healthcare providers, family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS; lack of or inadequate insurance coverage, gaps in care, and other barriers to accessing necessary treatments can have a devastating effect on the financial and psychological well-being of individuals with PKD, particularly those in underserved communities and populations; and

WHEREAS; knowing the signs and symptoms of PKD, including high blood pressure, back pain, frequent feeling of fullness, increased abdomen size, headaches, and kidney stones, failure, or infections, is crucial for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment; and

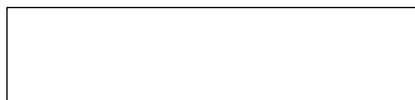
WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all affected individuals, their families, and dedicated individuals and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of PKD, supporting research, and embracing hope for improved treatments and a cure;

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

POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE 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 18th day of August 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State