

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*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 \_\_\_\_\_ Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State

