

WHEREAS; a brain aneurysm, also called a cerebral aneurysm or intracranial aneurysm, refers to a bulging area of a blood vessel in the brain that is at risk of leaking or rupturing, which can cause a highly dangerous subarachnoid hemorrhage; and

WHEREAS; brain aneurysms develop when the brain's artery walls become too thin and weak, and risk factors such as smoking, high blood pressure, substance use, excessive alcohol use, and certain inherited health conditions can increase instances; and

WHEREAS; according to the Brain Aneurysm Foundation, approximately 6.7 million people in the United States are living with an unruptured brain aneurysm, accounting for roughly one in 50 Americans, and an estimated 30,000 Americans experience a ruptured brain aneurysm in any given year; and

WHEREAS; while unruptured brain aneurysms typically have no symptoms, warning signs may include blurred or double vision, a dilated pupil, numbness, and pain above or behind one eye; and

WHEREAS; unfortunately, brain aneurysms are often only discovered once they have ruptured, resulting in the sudden onset of symptoms that may include a severe headache, nausea, a stiff neck, sensitivity to light, seizure, confusion, and more; and

WHEREAS; many ruptured aneurysms result in death before the affected individual is able to reach a hospital, underscoring the importance of calling 911 and seeking immediate medical attention at the first sign of a possible rupture; and

WHEREAS; early and accurate diagnoses are essential to ensuring proper treatment and preventing death or permanent neurological damage from ruptured brain aneurysms; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals and families across the state in spreading awareness of brain aneurysms, promoting research into improved screening and treatments, and honoring all those who are living with or who have lost their lives to a brain aneurysm;

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

## **BRAIN ANEURYSM 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 16th day of August 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State