

WHEREAS; craniofacial difference or anomaly is the physical or structural abnormality of the face or head caused by birth defect, disease, or trauma; and

WHEREAS; according to Children’s National, craniofacial differences impact as many as 600,000 people across the United States and common types include cleft lip and palate, craniosynostosis, hemifacial microsomia, vascular malformation, and hemangioma; and

WHEREAS; treatment for craniofacial differences varies by condition and severity but may include an extensive medical care team including plastic and reconstructive surgeons, neurosurgeons, otolaryngologists, ophthalmologists, dentists, geneticists, speech and language therapists, mental health experts, and radiologists; and

WHEREAS; individuals living with a craniofacial difference and their families often struggle to overcome the medical, emotional, financial, educational, and social issues related to living with facial differences, which is why promoting greater research and acceptance is critical; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals living with a craniofacial difference and their families, advocates, and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of craniofacial differences and supporting systemic change to ensure that all Wisconsinites are treated with dignity and respect;

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

## **CRANIOFACIAL ACCEPTANCE 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 23rd day of August 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State