

WHEREAS; according to Cleveland Clinic, muscular dystrophy refers to a group of more than 30 genetic conditions that affect the functioning of one's muscles; and

WHEREAS; while rare, all muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, from moderate muscle weakness to total paralysis of voluntary muscles, including those used for swallowing, breathing, and walking; and

WHEREAS; muscular dystrophies can occur in anyone, regardless of race, age, ethnicity, or sex, and there are many Wisconsinites across the state affected by some form of the disease; and

WHEREAS; symptoms of muscular dystrophy often appear in early childhood and can include movement and mobility difficulty, muscle pain and stiffness, frequent falls, delayed growth, and learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS; while there is currently no cure for muscular dystrophies, treatments, including medications, therapies, surgery, and assistive devices, can help prolong mobility and assist with heart and lung muscle strength; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all affected individuals, families, and dedicated advocates and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of muscular dystrophies in the hope that advancements in science and medicine will lead to new treatments and eventually, a cure;

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

## **MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY 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 12th day of July 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State