

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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