

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; craniofacial differences impact thousands of people across the United States, including many in Wisconsin, and common types include cleft lip and palate, craniosynostosis, hemifacial microsomia, vascular malformation, and hemangioma; and

WHEREAS; while treatment for craniofacial differences varies by condition and severity, many affected individuals endure multiple surgeries before they reach adulthood and may require an extensive medical care team of plastic and reconstructive surgeons, neurosurgeons, otolaryngologists, ophthalmologists, dentists, geneticists, speech and language therapists, mental health experts, and radiologists; and

WHEREAS; promoting greater research, education, and acceptance of craniofacial differences is critical for affected individuals and their families, who often struggle to overcome the medical, emotional, financial, educational, and social issues related to living with facial differences; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals living with craniofacial differences 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 2026 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 26th day of August 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State