

WHEREAS; muscular dystrophy refers to a group of more than 30 genetic conditions that affect the functioning and strength 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 many Wisconsinites across the state are 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 such as medications, therapies, surgery, and assistive devices can help prolong mobility and independence, as well as assist with heart and lung muscle strength; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all affected individuals, their 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 2026 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 26th day of August 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State