

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; lissencephaly is a rare, gene-linked malformation that causes the brain to develop with few or no ridges and folds, making it appear smooth; and

WHEREAS; according to Cleveland Clinic, it is estimated that about one in 100,000 individuals is born with this condition; and

WHEREAS; Cleveland Clinic further states that lissencephaly is often caused by genetic mutations and non-genetic factors, including viral infections or a lack of oxygenated blood to the brain, and lissencephaly typically develops during the 12th and 24th weeks of fetal development; and

WHEREAS; individuals living with lissencephaly may experience developmental delays, low muscle tone, epilepsy, and swallowing disorders, among other conditions; and

WHEREAS; addressing the complex medical needs of individuals born with lissencephaly early in life and helping families successfully provide care is imperative to supporting their long-term health and well-being; and

WHEREAS; further research, education, awareness, and support for families of individuals affected by lissencephaly are needed to ensure every individual and family can live their best and fullest lives; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated individuals and organizations across the state and country, including the Lissencephaly Foundation, in supporting all individuals with lissencephaly, their families and caregivers, and advocates through continued efforts to empower families and educate communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 8, 2023, as

LISSENCEPHALY AWARENESS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.



By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Godlewski".

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State

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 5th day
of September 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR