WHEREAS; according to Cleveland Clinic, lissencephaly is a rare, congenital condition that causes a developing brain to appear smooth instead of having normal bumps and folds, and it is estimated that about one in every 100,000 individuals is born with this condition; and

WHEREAS; Cleveland Clinic further states that while lissencephaly is often caused by genetic mutations, in rare cases, non-genetic factors could cause the condition, including viral infections or a lack of oxygenated blood to the brain and

WHEREAS; lissencephaly is categorized by two main categories—type I, also known as "classic lissencephaly," which is identified by the absence or incomplete development of the brain gyri, which causes the brain to be unusually smooth, and type II, also known as "cobblestone lissencephaly," which is characterized by a bumpy appearance of the brain; 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 further research, education, awareness, and support for families of individuals affected by the condition are needed to ensure every individual and family can live their best and fullest lives; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals, families, and dedicated advocates and organizations in spreading awareness, promoting research, and honoring all those who are living with or who have lost their lives to lissencephaly;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 8 2025 as

LISSENCEPHALY AWARENESS DAY

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 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State