

WHEREAS; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASDs) refer to a wide range of conditions that can occur when an individual is exposed to alcohol before birth; and

WHEREAS; FASDs affect individuals differently, and symptoms can include poor coordination, memory issues, learning disabilities, speech and language delays, vision and hearing problems, and damage to the heart, kidneys, and bones, amongst other difficulties; and

WHEREAS; while there is no cure for FASDs, early diagnosis, a stable and safe home life, medication, and behavioral therapy can improve child development; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals, families, and dedicated advocates and organizations in spreading awareness of the harm of consuming alcohol while pregnant, promoting prevention, treatment, and recovery support services for individuals struggling with substance use disorders, and decreasing the stigma surrounding FASDs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 9 2024 as

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS 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 29th day of August 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State