

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; according to the National Institutes of Health, mitochondrial diseases are a group of genetic conditions that cause defects in mitochondria, the energy producers found inside almost all cells in the body; and

*WHEREAS*; mitochondria are responsible for 90 percent of an individual's energy production, and when insufficient energy is produced, organs can be adversely affected—including the brain, nerves, muscles, kidneys, heart, liver, eyes, ears, pancreas, and more; and

*WHEREAS*; Cleveland Clinic states that an estimated one in 5,000 individuals has some form of mitochondrial disease, but due to their complexity, patients often remain undiagnosed or misdiagnosed; and

*WHEREAS*; symptoms may include seizures, migraines, vision loss, muscle weakness, and developmental delays, and while available treatments can help ease symptoms, slow disease progression, and improve the quality of life, mitochondrial disease currently has no cure; and

*WHEREAS*; as scientific linkages between mitochondrial dysfunction and diseases like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and diabetes continue to be explored, bringing together patients, medical professionals, and resources to make progress on therapies and cures has never been more urgent; and

*WHEREAS*; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals, families, healthcare providers, and dedicated advocates and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of mitochondrial disease in the hope that further research and medical advancements will soon lead to a better understanding of the condition, improved treatments, quicker diagnoses, and a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 15 – 21, 2025, as

## WORLD MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK

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 2nd day  
of September 2025.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State