

WHEREAS; according to Cleveland Clinic, mitochondrial diseases are a group of conditions that affect how mitochondria, which make energy in an individual's cells, work in the body, and when mitochondria are not able to produce enough energy that the body needs, it affects how an individual's organs function; and

WHEREAS; according to Cleveland Clinic, it is estimated that one in 5,000 individuals have some form of mitochondrial disease, but due to the complexities of the disease, patients often remain undiagnosed or misdiagnosed; and

WHEREAS; symptoms can include everything from seizures and migraines to vision loss, muscle weakness, and developmental delays, and while available treatments can help ease symptoms, slow disease progression, and improve the quality of life of affected individuals and their families, mitochondrial disease currently has no cure, and a lack of timely diagnoses often hinders the ability to begin treatment early; 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, 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 16 through 22 2024 as

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 29th day of August 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State