

WHEREAS; mitochondrial disease is often difficult to diagnose because it affects every person differently, and symptoms can include everything from seizures and migraines to vision loss, muscle weakness, and developmental delays; and

WHEREAS; 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; 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 18 through 24 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 13th day of September 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State