

WHEREAS; frontal degeneration (FTD) is an underdiagnosed neurodegenerative disease affecting thousands of individuals across the United States, including many in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; according to the National Institute on Aging, FTD is a progressive and incurable neurodegenerative disease affecting the frontal and temporal lobes of the brain, causing impairments to speech, personality, behavior, and motor skills; and

WHEREAS; oftentimes, FTD is misdiagnosed as Alzheimer's disease, depression, or a psychiatric and behavioral disorder, and it can take an average of 3.6 years from the start of symptoms for an individual with FTD to receive an accurate diagnosis, according to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration; and

WHEREAS; research shows that FTD is earlier onset than other forms of dementia, and roughly 60 percent of people living with FTD are 45 to 64 years old; and

WHEREAS; patients and families affected by less widely known rare diseases, such as FTD, often bear a large share of the burden of finding a medical expert, funding research, and raising public awareness to support research into effective and affordable treatments; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all affected individuals, their families, and dedicated individuals and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of FTD, supporting research, and embracing hope for improved treatments and a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 22 through 29 2024 as

## **WORLD FRONTOTEMPORAL DEGENERATION 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 23rd day of August 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State