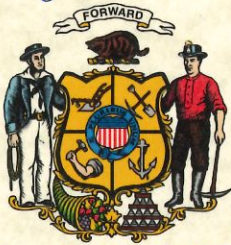


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Bardet-Biedl syndrome (BBS) is a rare disorder caused by a genetic mutation that affects less than 5,000 individuals in the United States, according to the National Institutes of Health; and

*WHEREAS*; symptoms of BBS may present at any age and often include obesity, visual impairment, pathological hunger, reduced kidney function, extra digits on the hands or feet, sensory disabilities, and developmental delays, among others; and

*WHEREAS*; the signs, symptoms, and severity of BBS can vary from person to person, and in addition to life-altering symptoms, those affected by BBS may also suffer from depression, anxiety, isolation, and loss of independence, as well as experience a significant financial burden; and

*WHEREAS*; while BBS currently has no cure, treatment often entails symptom-specific management, including visual rehabilitation, behavioral or physical therapies, and sometimes surgery, and as with most rare diseases, multiple medical specialists are traditionally involved in care management plans; and

*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals, families, dedicated advocates, caregivers, and organizations across the state, including the Bardet Biedl Syndrome Foundation 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 23, 2023, as

## BARDET-BIEDL SYNDROME GLOBAL 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 13th day  
of September 2023.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State