

WHEREAS; according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, ataxia occurs when parts of the nervous system that control movement are damaged, causing an individual to struggle to control muscle movement, often resulting in poor coordination, unsteady walking, difficulty with fine motor activities, and changes in speech; and

WHEREAS; most often, ataxia describes damage or degeneration to part of the brain called the cerebellum, and ataxia can be inherited or acquired through conditions not limited to stroke, multiple sclerosis, tumors, and autoimmune diseases; and

WHEREAS; treatments for ataxia vary by individual but often center around symptom mitigation and may include the use of adaptive devices or therapies; and

WHEREAS; individuals living with ataxia and their families often carry 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; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals living with ataxia and their families, healthcare providers, and dedicated advocates and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of ataxia to ensure timely screening, diagnosis, and treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 25 2024 as

INTERNATIONAL ATAXIA AWARENESS 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 5th day of September 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State