WHEREAS; according to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration, frontotemporal degeneration (FTD) represents a group of underdiagnosed neurodegenerative diseases that affect thousands of individuals across the United States, including many in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; also commonly referred to as frontotemporal dementia, frontotemporal lobar degeneration, or Pick's disease, FTD impacts the frontal and temporal lobes of the brain, causing a wide range of symptoms, including 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 over three years from the start of symptoms for an individual with FTD to receive an accurate diagnosis; and

WHEREAS; research shows that while it can also occur later in life, FTD has an earlier onset than other forms of dementia and often begins between the ages of 40 and 65, and can be the cause of dementia about 10 to 20 percent of the time; and

WHEREAS; while there is currently no known cure for or treatment to slow the progression of FTD, care plans often work to mitigate symptoms using medication and therapies; and

WHEREAS; patients and families affected by less widely known rare diseases, such as FTD, often bear a large share of the burden in 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 28 through October 4 2026 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 16th day of September 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State