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## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR.

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WHEREAS; limb-girdle muscular dystrophy (LGMD) is used to describe a group of rare genetic neuromuscular diseases that cause progressive weakness and wasting in areas of the body, including the shoulders, upper arms, pelvic area, and thighs; and

WHEREAS; signs and symptoms of LGMD include issues with walking, breathing, and swallowing and shoulder, arm, hip, and leg muscle weakness or atrophy, and according to Cleveland Clinic, it is estimated that approximately two in every 100,000 individuals in the U.S. are afflicted by any subtype of LGMD; and

WHEREAS; individuals and families affected by LGMD often face challenges such as delays in diagnosis, difficulties finding a medical specialist, and lack of access to treatments or other ancillary services; and

WHEREAS; while important advances continue to be made in understanding the genetic causes behind the condition, there is still no known cure, and families affected by LGMD are often the leading proponents of raising public awareness to support critical research; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals, families, dedicated advocates, and organizations across the state in the hope that further research and medical advancements will soon lead to a better understanding of the condition, improved treatments, earlier diagnoses, and a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2024, as

## LIMB-GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

By the Governor:

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 10th day of September 2024.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

SARAH GODLEWSKI Secretary of State