WHEREAS; learning disabilities affect cognitive processes related to learning, often interfering with the development of language skills, mathematics skills, and other areas of comprehension and attainment in school-age children; and

WHEREAS; while learning disabilities can present lifelong challenges and affect people of all ages, symptoms generally appear in childhood, and early identification of a learning disability increases the possibility of successful intervention; and

WHEREAS; all individuals with learning disabilities deserve access to best practice interventions, tools, and resources that can help them succeed inside and outside of the classroom and throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS; further research into the causes of learning disabilities is essential to the development of better recognition, assessment, and intervention strategies, and advocacy is critical to preserving and advancing the rights of individuals with learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin affirms its commitment to supporting all Wisconsinites with learning disabilities and joins all affected students, families, educators, and advocates in spreading awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

LEARNING DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

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 25th day of September 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State