

WHEREAS; dwarfism refers to short stature due to a genetic or medical condition and is widely characterized as an adult height of less than four feet ten inches, and the condition is classified broadly into two categories, including disproportionate and proportionate dwarfism; and

WHEREAS; according to Cleveland Clinic, achondroplastic dwarfism, the most common form of dwarfism, affects one in 15,000 to 40,000 people worldwide, and treatment for the condition is unique for each person based on their specific diagnosis; and

WHEREAS; Dwarfism Awareness Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness, promote inclusion, and advocate for the rights of people with dwarfism in Wisconsin and across the United States; and

WHEREAS; it is crucial to foster greater understanding and acceptance of dwarfism to combat misconceptions and ensure the dignity and rights of individuals living with dwarfism are respected, including equal access to public services and facilities, reasonable accommodations, and increased public awareness to reduce bullying and discrimination throughout all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS; diversity makes Wisconsin stronger, and the creation of equitable and inclusive environments is a matter of social justice and must be the shared responsibility of every person, regardless of ability, for true change to occur; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals living with dwarfism, their families, and dedicated advocates and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of dwarfism and supporting systemic change to ensure that all Wisconsinites are treated with dignity and respect and have the resources they need to thrive;

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

DWARFISM AWARENESS MONTH

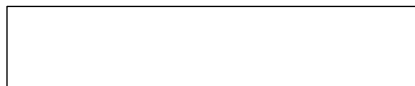
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 4th day of October 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State