

WHEREAS; pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) and pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) are severe inflammatory brain conditions; and

WHEREAS; according to research, PANS is a clinical diagnosis requiring obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and/or restrictive eating as well as two or more of the following symptoms, including anxiety, emotional lability, depression, irritability, aggression, oppositional behavior, behavioral regression, deterioration in handwriting, loss of math skills, sensory abnormalities, sleep disturbances, enuresis, and urinary frequency—all of which can cause severe physical and emotional distress; and

WHEREAS; PANDAS is a subset of PANS, and guidelines for diagnosing PANDAS include the presence of OCD and/or tics, symptoms beginning between age three and puberty, acute-onset and episodic (relapsing-remitting) course, association with Group A streptococcal infection, and association with neurological abnormalities; and

WHEREAS; although treatment can include generic antibiotics or over-the-counter anti-inflammatories, a lack of awareness often leads to misdiagnosis or failure to diagnose kids suffering from PANS and PANDAS, which can have serious mental health consequences for them and their families; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals, families, dedicated advocates, and organizations across the state in working towards increased awareness, quicker and more accurate diagnoses, and greater support for all those affected by PANS and PANDAS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 9 2024 as

## **PANS/PANDAS 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 11th day of October 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State