STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS; the diagnosis of PANS is characterized by a sudden and severe onset of obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and/or restrictive eating, and accompanying symptoms may include anxiety, emotional lability, mood disorder, oppositional behavior, behavioral regression, change in motor skills, deterioration in school performance, sensory abnormalities, sleep and urinary disturbances, and more—all of which can cause severe physical and emotional distress; and

WHEREAS; according to Cleveland Clinic, PANDAS overlaps with PANS and is believed to be caused by a strep infection, and while there is no singular test for PANDAS, guidelines for diagnosis 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 and research often leads to misdiagnosis or failure to diagnose kids suffering from PANS and PANDAS, which can have serious mental health effects 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, 2026, 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 8th day of October 2026.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State