

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; epilepsy is a brain disorder characterized by recurrent and unprovoked seizures that can affect individuals of any age, gender, race, or background; and

WHEREAS; epilepsy is a spectrum disorder comprised of multiple diagnoses and experiences, and symptoms may include a wide range of seizure types, comorbidities, severity, and behavior that vary from person to person; and

WHEREAS; epilepsy is one of the most common neurological disorders in the world, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reporting that it affects roughly three million people in the U.S., including tens of thousands of Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; people with epilepsy require access to affordable, comprehensive, physician-directed, and person-centered healthcare, and delays in accessing effective treatments can increase the likelihood of breakthrough seizures and related complications, such as injury, disability, or Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all affected individuals, their loved ones, and dedicated individuals and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of epilepsy, supporting research, and embracing hope for improved treatments and a cure;

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

EPILEPSY 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 1st day of November 2024.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski
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Secretary of State