

WHEREAS; thyroid eye disease (TED) is a rare autoimmune condition characterized by the body’s adaptive immune system mistakenly attacking healthy tissue behind the eye, resulting in progressive inflammation and the formation of scar tissue; and

WHEREAS; according to the National Organization for Rare Disorders, symptoms of TED can include eye pain, irritation and swelling, watery eyes, bulging eyes, blurred or double vision, and in severe cases, vision loss; and

WHEREAS; it is important to acknowledge the potential functional, psychosocial, and economic impacts of TED on affected individuals, which may include emotional distress, depression, and the inability to work or independently perform daily activities; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals and their families, along with dedicated advocates and organizations throughout the state, in spreading awareness of TED in the hope that further research and medical advances will soon lead to a better understanding of the condition and improved treatment options;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim November 13 through 19 2023 as

THYROID EYE DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK

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 30th day of October 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State