

WHEREAS; according to the National Organization for Rare Disorders, thyroid eye disease (TED) is a rare autoimmune disorder characterized by the body's adaptive immune system attacking healthy tissue around the eye, including muscles, resulting in progressive inflammation and the formation of scar tissue; and

WHEREAS; during the active phase, signs and 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 across 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 18 through 22 2024 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 8th day of November 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State