WHEREAS; intestinal malrotation is a congenital disorder occurring when the intestine fails to rotate correctly during embryonic development, leading to volvulus, a life-threatening surgical emergency where the intestine twists, restricting blood flow to vital organs; and

WHEREAS; malrotation affects approximately one in 500 births, though the condition is frequently misdiagnosed as reflux or the stomach flu when symptomatic; and

WHEREAS; up to 90 percent of patients are diagnosed by the age of one, though intestinal malrotation can also occur in older children and adults; and

WHEREAS; the cardinal symptom of volvulus is vomiting bile, a green or bright yellow fluid, and other symptoms include abdominal pain, dehydration, and lethargy; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin joins survivors, activists, and organizations in raising awareness about the urgency of intestinal malrotation and volvulus, so as to encourage recognition of its signs and symptoms, decrease the mortality and morbidity associated with malrotation, and provide support to those who have been affected by the condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2020, as the

INTESTINAL MALROTATION & VOLVULUS AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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 13th day of December 2019.

Tony Evers
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
Secretary of State