

WHEREAS; Marfan syndrome is a genetic connective tissue condition that can involve many parts of the body, including the heart, blood vessels, eyes, bones, joints, and lungs; and

WHEREAS; the condition can result in varying degrees of disability, pain, and musculoskeletal issues, often leading to a lifelong series of multi-system health-related maladies; and

WHEREAS; it is estimated that one in 5,000 individuals worldwide are born with Marfan syndrome, although the number and severity of symptoms associated with the condition differ greatly among affected individuals; and

WHEREAS; since all expressions of Marfan syndrome are lifelong, incurable, and potentially debilitating, timely diagnosis and treatment is essential; and

WHEREAS; while advances in medicine have improved management of the condition, Marfan syndrome remains underdiagnosed and often misdiagnosed; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins Marfan syndrome patients, families, and advocates in raising awareness of the condition in order to ensure the proper diagnosis and treatment of affected individuals throughout our state and country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 2021 as

MARFAN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

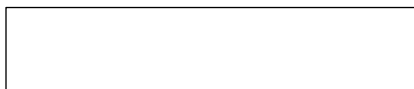
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 27th day of January 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State