

WHEREAS; congenital heart disease (CHD) is a general term that refers to a wide range of birth defects affecting the heart; and

WHEREAS; CHD is the most prevalent birth defect in the United States, affecting one in every 100 births; and

WHEREAS; each year in the United States, approximately 40,000 babies are born with CHD, and while there is no known cure, the majority of individuals born with non-critical CHD now live past the age of 18 thanks to the advancement of science and medicine; and

WHEREAS; even with these advancements, fewer than 10 percent of adults with CHD are receiving the recommended care they need; and

WHEREAS; the health and well-being of congenital heart patients is of paramount importance, and further research can provide more insight into the origins, symptoms, and treatment of CHD; and

WHEREAS; it is critical that fetal clinicians, obstetric physicians, pediatricians, and all those in the medical field, along with all individuals who are planning a family, have a greater understanding of the potential for CHD; and


WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin encourages patients and families affected by CHD to share their experiences and knowledge to raise awareness of CHD and its effects on individuals, families, and communities across our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 7 through 14, 2022, as

CONGENITAL HEART 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 21st day of January 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State