

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

WHEREAS; according to the Children’s Heart Foundation, CHD is the most prevalent congenital disorder in the United States, affecting one in every 110 births, and is the leading congenital disorder-related cause of death; and

WHEREAS; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 40,000 babies are born with CHD in the United States each year, 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 advancements in science and medicine; and

WHEREAS; even with these advancements, CHD is a lifelong disease and affected individuals often face health risks that require additional surgeries and medical interventions beyond childhood; and

WHEREAS; despite the prevalence and lifelong nature of the disease, many adults with CHD are not receiving the recommended care they need; and

WHEREAS; the health and well-being of CHD patients is of paramount importance, and further research can provide more insight into the origins, symptoms, and treatment of the disease; 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 joins patients and families affected by CHD as they share their experiences and knowledge to raise awareness of CHD and its effects on individuals, families, and communities across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim February 7 through 14 2023 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State