

WHEREAS; a traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a disruption in the normal function of the brain that can be caused by a bump, blow, jolt to the head, penetrating head injury, or other external force; and

WHEREAS; an acquired brain injury (ABI) is an injury to the brain that is not hereditary, congenital, degenerative, or induced by birth trauma, and that is typically caused by internal factors; and

WHEREAS; whether one has a TBI or ABI, the consequences of a brain injury are unpredictable, and affect who we are and the way we think, act, and feel; and

WHEREAS; while a brain injury can impact anyone regardless of age, children and older adults are at an increased risk; and

WHEREAS; it is important to note that between 2000 and late 2020, the United States Department of Defense reported over 430,000 TBIs among service members worldwide, underscoring the necessity of protecting our active military, veterans, and their families as they continue to serve and assimilate into civilian society; and

WHEREAS; brain injury organizations in Wisconsin can be a source of information, programs, education, advocacy, and support services for individuals who have experienced a brain injury, their family members and friends, and the professionals who serve them; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in promoting further understanding of brain injury, spreading awareness of prevention and treatment, and supporting all those who have experienced a brain injury, including our service members and veterans;

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

BRAIN INJURY 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 24th day of February 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State