

WHEREAS; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that about one in six kids in the United States between the ages of three and 17 have one or more developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS; as creators and artists, employees and entrepreneurs, community leaders and elected officials, and supportive family members, friends, and neighbors, Wisconsinites with developmental disabilities are a valued asset to communities across our state; and

WHEREAS; Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month has been recognized annually in March since its first official designation in 1987; and

WHEREAS; this summer, we will celebrate the 31st anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which prohibited discrimination against all Americans with disabilities and codified the protection of their civil rights; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that much work still needs to be done to ensure that all Wisconsinites with developmental disabilities are treated equitably and with dignity, and we reaffirm our commitment to realizing the full promise of hope, freedom, and equality envisioned by the ADA and the laws of our state; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals with developmental disabilities, advocates, and organizations across our state in working to ensure individuals with developmental disabilities can access the full range of choices and opportunities available to live their most independent and fulfilling lives;

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

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES 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 10th day of March 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State