

WHEREAS; trisomy is a genetic condition characterized by the presence of a single extra chromosome within a person's cells, yielding a total of three chromosomes instead of a pair; and

WHEREAS; trisomy is a type of aneuploidy, meaning that it can occur in any one of an affected individual's 23 pairs of chromosomes; and

WHEREAS; the most common trisomies in newborns are trisomy 21, also known as Down syndrome, trisomy 18, also known as Edwards syndrome, and trisomy 13, also known as Patau syndrome; and

WHEREAS; medical professionals, local support groups, and online communities can offer education, encouragement, and counseling for those managing trisomy pregnancies or raising children affected by trisomy; and

WHEREAS; awareness of this genetic condition, both in the medical community and general public, plays a significant role in the ability of individuals and families to access proper care, treatment, and support; and

WHEREAS; awareness is also important in supporting kids affected by trisomy to live, thrive, show and give love, and have the opportunity to exceed the current clinical expectations for their diagnosis; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in raising awareness of all forms of trisomy, supporting families currently experiencing trisomy, and helping all individuals with developmental disabilities throughout our state achieve their full potential;

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

## **TRISOMY 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State