STATE *of* WISCONSIN

FORWARD

OFFICE *of* the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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; as a type of aneuploidy, trisomy can occur in any one of the 23 pairs of chromosomes individuals have; and

WHEREAS; according to Cleveland Clinic, 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 and understanding of this genetic condition, both in the medical community and general public, play a significant role in the ability of individuals and families to access proper care, treatment, and support; and

WHEREAS; awareness and understanding of trisomy are also important for helping kids affected by trisomy to live their fullest and best lives with the opportunity to exceed the current clinical expectations for their diagnosis; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin encourages all Wisconsinites to learn more about trisomy and reaffirms its commitment to raising awareness, supporting families affected by trisomy, and helping all individuals with developmental disabilities throughout the state achieve their full potential;
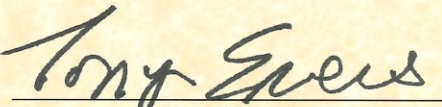
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as

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 17th day of February 2023.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas L. La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State