

# STATE *of* WISCONSIN



## OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

# *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS*; located on the short arm of the 19th chromosome, the CACNA1A gene is involved in communication between neurons in the brain, and a change in this gene can impact the function of the encoded calcium channel, affecting the release of neurotransmitters, according to the CACNA1A Foundation; and

*WHEREAS*; individuals diagnosed with a CACNA1A variation may experience neurodevelopmental differences, including epilepsy, ataxia, migraines, cerebellar atrophy, and eye movement disorders; and

*WHEREAS*; in addition to a range of neurodevelopmental differences, affected individuals can also experience life-changing neurological emergencies, including hemiplegic migraine attacks, strokes, comas, seizure emergencies, and cerebral edema; and

*WHEREAS*; while certain medications and dietary changes can treat CACNA1A variation symptoms, treatment options are limited, and there is no known cure; and

*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals and their families, along with dedicated advocates and organizations across the state, in raising awareness of CACNA1A variations and the health issues connected to this chromosomal difference;


*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 19, 2023, as

## **CACNA1A AWARENESS DAY**

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 2023.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State