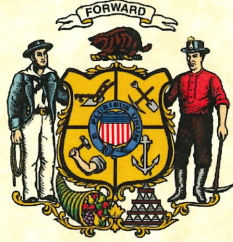


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, Autism Spectrum Disorder is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during early childhood as the result of a neurological disorder that affects the brain; and

*WHEREAS*, Autism Spectrum Disorder affects how individuals interact with others, communicate, self-regulate, and learn, and impacts as many as one in 59 children, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

*WHEREAS*, Autism Spectrum Disorder has wide-ranging implications for the entire family of the diagnosed individual, and early diagnosis research, professional training, education, and therapies are vital to ensuring each individual can lead a life filled with opportunity; and

*WHEREAS*, Autism Spectrum Disorder affects a person throughout their lifespan, and their quality of life depends not only on the foundation provided in childhood, but also on ongoing supports that are specific to their educational, medical, social, recreational, family, and employment needs; and

*WHEREAS*, this Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month, the State of Wisconsin joins individuals with autism and autism advocates across our state in celebrating the accomplishments of individuals with autism and raising awareness about the disorder, so as to foster acceptance and create more welcoming and inclusive communities for all people;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 2020 as

## AUTISM AWARENESS & ACCEPTANCE 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State