

WHEREAS; Fabry disease is a progressive, inherited genetic disorder that, if not properly diagnosed and treated, has the potential to diminish quality of life and lead to premature death due to stroke, kidney failure, and heart failure; and

WHEREAS; caused by a genetically induced deficiency of the enzyme alpha-galactosidase A, Fabry disease is characterized by a buildup of lipids in the body, leading to cell and organ damage; and

WHEREAS; there are two approved treatments available for Fabry disease but, because it remains severely under-diagnosed, many people with the condition live without an accurate diagnosis or opportunity for treatment until after irreversible organ damage occurs; and

WHEREAS; early detection, diagnosis, and treatment is key to preventing irreversible damage to the bodies of those with Fabry disease and to protecting their overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS; healthcare providers and families should be aware of the symptoms of Fabry disease and, if warranted, obtain a GLA gene test that can definitively assess the presence of this treatable disorder; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin encourages all Wisconsinites to learn about Fabry disease, support members of their communities who are affected by it, and assess their own risk;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 2022 as

FABRY DISEASE 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 4th day of March 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State