

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*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 are 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 2023 as

## FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

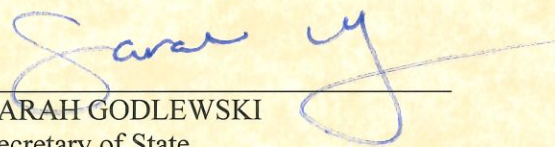
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



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 24th day  
of March 2023.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State