

WHEREAS; Cri Du Chat Syndrome, also known as 5p- Syndrome or Cat Cry Syndrome, is a chromosomal condition resulting from a missing portion of chromosome number five in affected individuals; and

WHEREAS; this year marks the 57th anniversary of Cri Du Chat's first identification by Dr. Jerome Lejeune; and

WHEREAS; in the United States alone, approximately 50 to 60 children are born with Cri Du Chat ever year; and

WHEREAS; common characteristics of the disorder at birth are a high-pitched cry, low birth weight, poor muscle tone, and microcephaly; and

WHEREAS; with ongoing support from a team of parents, therapists, and other medical and educational professionals, children diagnosed with Cri Du Chat are able to lead fulfilling, meaningful lives and reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS; a major goal of International Cri Du Chat Awareness Week, along with Cri Du Chat Awareness Day, is to end the spread of outdated misinformation to families when their child is diagnosed with the disorder; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin joins the 5p- Society of North America, and supporting organizations from around the world, in supporting the over 1,000 families affected by Cri Du Chat nationwide, including many in our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 1 through 10, 2020, as

INTERNATIONAL CRI DU CHAT SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK

and May 5, 2020, as

CRI DU CHAT SYNDROME 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 17th day of April 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State