

WHEREAS; cystic fibrosis (CF) is a genetic disease characterized by abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs, producing life-threatening lung infections, obstructing the pancreas, and preventing digestive enzymes from reaching the intestines to help break down and absorb food; and

WHEREAS; CF occurs in approximately one in every 3,500 live births and affects an estimated 30,000 kids and adults across the United States, including almost 700 in Wisconsin, and nearly 70,000 kids and adults worldwide; and

WHEREAS; more than 10 million Americans are symptomless carriers of the gene that causes CF, and an infant blood screening to detect genetic defects is the most reliable and least costly method to identify persons likely to have CF; and

WHEREAS; while the median age of survival for a person with CF is about 47 years, early diagnosis permits early treatment and enhances one's quality of life and longevity; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all those living with cystic fibrosis, their families, advocates, and dedicated organizations throughout our state and country in spreading awareness of the disease and embracing hope that further research will lead to improved treatments and a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 2021 as

CYSTIC FIBROSIS 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 21st day of April 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State