

WHEREAS; 5p-/Cri Du Chat syndrome is a rare chromosomal condition that results from a missing portion of chromosome number five in affected individuals and that is characterized by low birth weight, poor muscle tone, microcephaly, developmental delays, and other potential medical complications; and

WHEREAS; this year marks the 58th anniversary of the first identification of 5p-/Cri Du Chat syndrome by Dr. Jerome Lejeune; and

WHEREAS; in the United States alone, approximately 50 to 60 children are born with 5p-/Cri Du Chat syndrome each year; and

WHEREAS; with ongoing support from a team of parents, therapists, and other medical and educational professionals, children diagnosed with 5p-/Cri Du Chat syndrome are able to live their most independent, fulfilling, and meaningful lives and reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS; every year, a major goal of International 5p-/Cri Du Chat Syndrome Awareness Week and 5p-/Cri Du Chat Syndrome Awareness Day is to end the spread of outdated misinformation to families when their child is diagnosed with the condition; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins the 5p- Society, along with dedicated individuals, families, and organizations from around the world, in raising awareness and supporting the over 1,000 families affected by 5p-/Cri Du Chat Syndrome nationwide, including many in our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 1 through 10, 2021, as

INTERNATIONAL 5P-/CRI DU CHAT SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK

and May 5, 2021, as

5P-/CRI DU CHAT SYNDROME AWARENESS 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 7th day of April 2021.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State