

WHEREAS; Fanconi anemia (FA) is a rare genetic disorder characterized by the body's inability to repair its own DNA, often resulting in congenital abnormalities, bone marrow failure, and increased susceptibility to several types of cancer; and

WHEREAS; FA is typically inherited recessively, requiring an affected individual to inherit two defective copies of the same FA gene, and according to the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund, the disorder has been linked to abnormalities in more than 23 genes, including BRCA1 and BRCA2; and

WHEREAS; while individuals with FA currently have an average life expectancy of between 20 and 30 years due to variability in the disease's presentation, difficulties with diagnosis and treatment, and the absence of a cure, life expectancy has drastically increased in recent years with advancements in research; and

WHEREAS; early diagnosis of FA from a chromosome breakage test is critical for affected individuals and their medical teams to be able to monitor for bone marrow failure, detect related cancers at an early stage, and take a proactive and proper approach to treatment; and

WHEREAS; individuals with FA require highly individualized treatment plans that often rely on research and clinical trials to succeed; and


WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals, their families and caregivers, healthcare professionals, and the wider FA community in working to raise awareness of FA and the need for further research into the disease in the hopes of establishing a better understanding of DNA repair and cancer development, improved cancer prevention and treatments, and ultimately a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 2023 as

FANCONI ANEMIA 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 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State