

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*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 is characterized by low birth weight, a high-pitched cry in infancy, poor muscle tone, and microcephaly, among other potential medical and developmental complications, according to MedlinePlus of the National Library of Medicine; and

*WHEREAS*; MedlinePlus further estimates that 5P-/Cri Du Chat syndrome occurs in approximately one in 20,000 to 50,000 births and affects hundreds of families across the country, including many in Wisconsin; and

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

*WHEREAS*; every year, a goal of 5P-/Cri Du Chat Syndrome Awareness Day is to end the spread of outdated misinformation to families when their child is diagnosed with the condition; and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*; 2023 marks the 60th anniversary of the discovery of 5P-/Cri Du Chat syndrome; and

*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin joins the 5P Minus Society, along with dedicated individuals, families, advocates, and organizations from around the world, in raising awareness of 5P-/Cri Du Chat syndrome and in supporting affected families in Wisconsin and beyond;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 5, 2023, 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
April 2023.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State