

WHEREAS; Childhood Apraxia of Speech, commonly known as Apraxia, causes kids to have significant difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe speech deficits in kids; and

WHEREAS; while the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most kids, those with Apraxia often endure an incredible and lengthy struggle; and

WHEREAS; without early, intensive, and frequent speech therapy intervention, kids with Apraxia are placed at a high risk for secondary impacts in other school-related skills, such as reading and writing, and might never learn to communicate with their own voice; and

WHEREAS; these impacts in childhood can diminish the likelihood of future independence and opportunities for employment; and

WHEREAS; greater public awareness about Apraxia in Wisconsin, among community members, physicians, education professionals, policy makers, and elected officials, is essential to supporting those affected by this disorder; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin commends all kids living with Apraxia, as well as their families, for their effort, determination, and resilience in the face of such obstacles;

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

## **APRAXIA AWARENESS MONTH**

and May 14, 2020, as

## **APRAXIA 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State