

WHEREAS; neurofibromatosis (NF) is a rare genetic disorder characterized by the growth of tumors on nerves throughout the body of an affected individual, potentially affecting the development of the brain, cardiovascular system, bones, and skin; and

WHEREAS; NF can lead to blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, debilitating pain, and cancer; and

WHEREAS; NF affects all populations equally, regardless of race, ethnicity, or gender, and it is estimated that over two million people worldwide are living with the disorder; and

WHEREAS; despite the prevalence of NF, a lack of awareness persists in the general public and much remains to be done to ensure the early diagnosis, proper management and treatment, and prevention of complications of NF in all affected individuals; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins patients, families, advocates, and dedicated organizations—including the Children’s Tumor Foundation—in raising awareness of neurofibromatosis, supporting further research, and working to expand access to treatment and prevention services for those affected in our state, across our country, and around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 17, 2021, as

## **WORLD NEUROFIBROMATOSIS 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State