

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*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

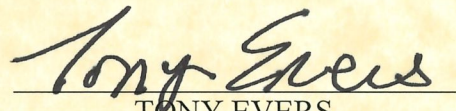
*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin joins patients, families, advocates, and dedicated organizations—including the Children's Tumor Foundation—in raising awareness of neurofibromatosis, supporting further research, and working to expand access to treatment and prevention services for those affected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

