WHEREAS, muscular dystrophy is not one single disease or disorder that affects every person the same way, but instead is an umbrella term that refers to a number of different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases that range in symptoms and severity; and

WHEREAS, all muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing, swallowing, and walking; and

WHEREAS, muscular dystrophies can occur in anyone, regardless of race, age, ethnicity, or sex, and many Wisconsinites across our state are affected by some form of the disease; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness of muscular dystrophies will continue to facilitate the discovery of new treatments, and will bring much needed funding for support and services for affected individuals and families in Wisconsin and throughout our country; and

WHEREAS, this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all affected individuals, families, and dedicated advocates and organizations in spreading awareness of muscular dystrophies and embracing hope that advancements in science and medicine will soon lead to a deeper understanding of the diseases, new treatments to enhance quality of life, and a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim August 2022 as

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY 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 22nd day of July 2022.

[Signature]

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

[Signature]

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State