

WHEREAS; Coats' disease is a rare retinal disorder characterized by the abnormal development of blood vessels in one or both eyes, which can cause blood to leak into the eye, resulting in trauma, damage, partial or total blindness, or even removal of the eye without early detection, treatment, or surgery; and

WHEREAS; while Coats' disease can affect anyone at any age, the disease is primarily detected in children ages eight to 16, with 69 percent of affected individuals being boys and men; and

WHEREAS; as a rare disease, Coats' disease remains relatively unknown within the general public and is far too often misdiagnosed; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's medical research centers are committed to developing effective treatments and cures for the many rare diseases affecting Wisconsinites, and aims to be a leader in medical research and advocacy for rare diseases such as Coats' disease; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals, families, and dedicated advocates and organizations in reflecting on the impact of Coats' disease and in raising awareness to help early detection, establish better treatment capabilities, and find a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim August 17 2022 as

COATS' DISEASE AWARENESS DAY

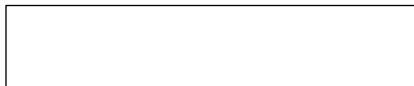
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 1st day of July 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State