

WHEREAS; hydrocephalus is a rare condition characterized by an excessive buildup of cerebrospinal fluid in the brain, resulting in the widening of ventricles and harmful pressure on brain tissue; and

WHEREAS; hydrocephalus may be present at birth, caused by events during fetal development, or be acquired after birth due to injury or disease, and can be fatal if left untreated; and

WHEREAS; there are several types of hydrocephalus, including communicating hydrocephalus, which occurs when cerebrospinal fluid is blocked from leaving the brain, non-communicating hydrocephalus, which occurs when cerebrospinal fluid is blocked from flowing within the brain, hydrocephalus ex-vacuo, which occurs when stroke or traumatic injury cause damage to the brain, and normal pressure hydrocephalus, which is most common among the elderly and for which the cause is often unknown; and

WHEREAS; experts estimate that hydrocephalus occurs in two out of every 1,000 births, posing risks to both cognitive and physical development; and

WHEREAS; while hydrocephalus has no cure, treatment often entails repeated brain surgeries, commonly using a shunt system to divert cerebrospinal fluid to other parts of the body for absorption, but many individuals diagnosed with the condition also benefit from early intervention programs, rehabilitation therapies, and educational interventions; and

WHEREAS; since 2009, the United States Congress has passed an annual resolution designating the month of September as National Hydrocephalus Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS; today and throughout this month, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals and families affected by hydrocephalus, along with dedicated organizations across our state, including local community networks of the Hydrocephalus Association, in raising awareness of hydrocephalus and supporting efforts to further research its causes and treatment options;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 15, 2021, as

## **HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS DAY**

and September 2021 as

## **HYDROCEPHALUS 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State