

WHEREAS; polycystic kidney disease (PKD) is a progressive genetic disorder that causes damage to the kidneys and the cardiovascular, endocrine, hepatic, and gastrointestinal organ systems; and

WHEREAS; PKD is a form of chronic kidney disease characterized by the growth of fluid-filled cysts in the kidneys of an affected individual, often causing kidney function to decline over time; and

WHEREAS; even though PKD is one of the four leading causes of kidney failure in the United States, affecting individuals of all ages, races, genders, nationalities, geographic locations, and income levels, the condition currently has no cure; and

WHEREAS; while PKD can have negative effects on an individual's physical health, it is also important to recognize that people with chronic, life-threatening conditions often battle depression, suicidal thoughts, and other mental health issues requiring support and understanding from healthcare providers, family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS; lack of or inadequate insurance coverage, gaps in care, and other barriers to access necessary treatments can have a devastating impact on the financial and psychological well-being of individuals with PKD, especially in underserved communities; and

WHEREAS; PKD awareness empowers patients and families to seek diagnosis, support, and appropriate treatments; and

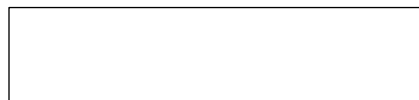
WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins PKD patients, their families, and dedicated individuals and organizations across our state in spreading awareness of PKD, supporting research, and embracing hope for improved treatments and eventually a cure;

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

POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE 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 3rd day of September 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State