

WHEREAS; according to the National Organization of Rare Disorders, leukodystrophies are a group of rare, progressive, metabolic, and genetic diseases that affect the brain, spinal cord, and often the peripheral nerves, and lead to the abnormal development or destruction of the myelin sheath, which insulates the nerve cells in the brain; and

WHEREAS; the Cleveland Clinic estimates that leukodystrophy occurs in approximately one in 7,000 people, and while symptoms vary from person to person, all leukodystrophies can have life-altering and dangerous effects that worsen over time if the affected individual does not receive a timely diagnosis or early treatment; and

WHEREAS; of the more than 50 leukodystrophies we know of, many remain unclassified and difficult to diagnose or treat without further research; and

WHEREAS; leukodystrophy has no cure, but newborn screenings and early diagnostic measures are important tools that can limit the negative effects of the disorders and provide families with access to information and medical guidance; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals, their families, and advocates in raising awareness of leukodystrophy, promoting newborn screenings, and encouraging further research;

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

LEUKODYSTROPHY 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 19th day of August 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State