

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*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;

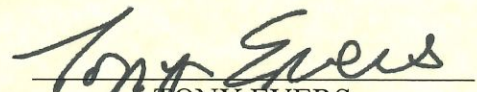
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 2022, as

## LEUKODYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

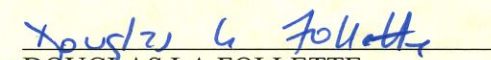
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



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 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
August 2022.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State