

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; polycystic kidney disease (PKD) is a progressive, chronic disorder 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*; in addition to causing damage to the kidneys, PKD can also affect the cardiovascular, endocrine, hepatic, and gastrointestinal organ systems; and

*WHEREAS*; 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, and currently, the condition 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, and particularly those in underserved communities and populations; and

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

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all affected individuals, 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 2022 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
September 2022.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State