STATE of WISCONSIN



WHEREAS; lissencephaly is a rare gene-linked disorder that causes the brain to develop with few or no ridges and folds, making it appear smooth; and

WHEREAS; it is estimated about one in 100,000 individuals are born with this condition; and

WHEREAS; those living with lissencephaly may also suffer from developmental delays, hypertonia, epilepsy, and swallowing disorders, among other conditions; and

WHEREAS; addressing the complex medical needs of folks born with lissencephaly early in life is imperative to helping families successfully care for their children in the long term; and

WHEREAS; further education, awareness, and support for families of lissencephaly patients is desperately needed, and it is appropriate that one day each year should be set apart as Lissencephaly Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins the Lissencephaly Foundation in supporting all lissencephaly patients, caregivers, and advocates through continued efforts to empower families and educate communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 8, 2020, as

LISSENCEPHALY AWARENESS DAY

oughout 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 6th day of August 2020.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State