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 that about one in 100,000 individuals is born with this condition; and

WHEREAS, individuals living with lissencephaly may experience developmental delays, low muscle tone, epilepsy, and swallowing disorders, among other conditions; and

WHEREAS, addressing the complex medical needs of individuals born with lissencephaly early in life and helping families successfully provide care is imperative to supporting their overall long-term health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, further research, education, awareness, and support for families of individuals affected by lissencephaly are needed to ensure every individual and family can live their best and fullest lives; and

WHEREAS, today, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated individuals and organizations across our state and country, including the Lissencephaly Foundation, in supporting all individuals with lissencephaly, their families and 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, 2022, as

LISSENCEPHALY AWARENESS DAY

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 5th day of August 2022.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State