STATE of WISCONSIN



WHEREAS; familial hypercholesterolemia is one of the most common genetic conditions, causing high levels of LDL cholesterol, also known as "bad cholesterol," and an increased risk for early and aggressive cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS; it is estimated that 23,256 individuals in Wisconsin and approximately one in 250 people worldwide have familial hypercholesterolemia, but less than 10 percent of those people have been properly diagnosed; and

WHEREAS; five percent of heart attacks that occur in individuals under age 60 and up to 20 percent of heart attacks that occur in individuals under age 45 are due to familial hypercholesterolemia; and

WHEREAS; familial hypercholesterolemia can be identified via the collection of a detailed family history of cardiovascular disease and a blood cholesterol screening and confirmed with DNA testing; and

WHEREAS; cholesterol screening is recommended for children between the ages of two and eight with a family history of high cholesterol or early-onset cardiovascular disease, as well as for all children between the ages of nine and 11, all young adults between the ages of 17 and 21, and all adults every five years; and

WHEREAS; the parents, siblings, and children of a person diagnosed with familial hypercholesterolemia have a 50 percent chance of also having familial hypercholesterolemia and should be screened to determine whether they do have familial hypercholesterolemia; and

WHEREAS; early treatment with cholesterol-lowering medications in individuals with familial hypercholesterolemia can reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2019, as

FAMILIAL HYPER OF STEROLEMIA AWARENESS DAY

throughout the State of consinual I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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 14th day of August 2019.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State