WHEREAS, Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy (LGMD) is a rare, progressive disease that causes muscle weakness and wasting and most commonly affects muscles of the shoulders, upper arms, pelvic area, and thighs; and

WHEREAS, LGMD is not one disease, but a group of hereditary, genetic, neuromuscular disorders with over 25 sub-types currently identified; and

WHEREAS, LGMD occurs across all ethnic groups, ages, and genders, and symptoms can begin in childhood, adolescence or adulthood; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by LGMD often experience problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatments or ancillary services; and

WHEREAS, although there is still no known cure or treatment for LGMD, research is ongoing and important advances toward understanding the genetic causes for the disease are being made every day; and

WHEREAS, Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Day provides an opportunity for Wisconsinites across the state to collaborate with the individuals, organizations, and foundations actively working to raise awareness and encourage funding for LGMD research and treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2019, as

LIMB-GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and 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 16th day of September 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State