WHEREAS; limb-girdle muscular dystrophy (LGMD) is a general term used to describe a group of genetically inherited neuro-muscular diseases that cause progressive weakness and wasting of the muscles in areas including the shoulders, upper arms, pelvic area, and thighs; and

WHEREAS; LGMD can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, or background, and it is estimated that the condition impacts anywhere between one in 14,500 and one in 123,000 individuals; and

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

WHEREAS; research is ongoing and important advances are being made every day in understanding the genetic causes of the disease, but there is still no known cure or treatment and a large share of the burden of raising awareness continues to fall on patients and families affected by LGMD; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins the global LGMD community in raising awareness and embracing hope that further research will soon lead to better treatments and, ultimately, a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2021, as LIMB-GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY 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 6th day of August 2021.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State