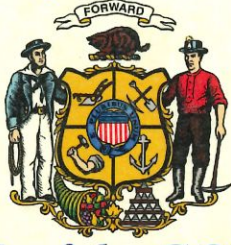


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndromes (PANS) and pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) are serious inflammatory brain conditions; and

*WHEREAS*; children with PANS and PANDAS generally experience the onset of three or more symptoms—including obsessive-compulsive disorder, tics, restricted eating, emotional lability, depression, irritability, aggression, oppositional behaviors, behavioral regression, deterioration in handwriting, loss of math skills, sensory or motor abnormalities, sleep disturbances, enuresis, and urinary frequency—which can cause severe physical and emotional distress; and

*WHEREAS*; because PANS and PANDAS affect every individual differently, children with the condition are far too often left undiagnosed, untreated, or undertreated, which can have very serious consequences for them and their families, including suicide; and

*WHEREAS*; although treatment can be as simple as generic antibiotics or over-the-counter anti-inflammatories, a lack of awareness often leads to the misdiagnosis or failure to diagnose of many children suffering from PANS and PANDAS; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the Neuroimmune Foundation in working towards increased awareness, quicker and more accurate diagnoses, and greater support for all children and families affected by PANS and PANDAS across our state;

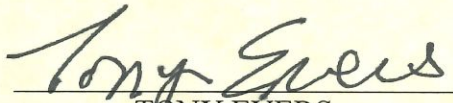
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 2021

## PANS/PANDAS AWARENESS MONTH

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State