

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; PANS and PANDAS are estimated to impact between 7,000 and 28,000 children in Wisconsin and, if left undiagnosed, untreated, or undertreated, can have very serious consequences for children 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 Foundation for Children with Neuroimmune Disorders 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 9, 2020, as

## **PANS/PANDAS AWARENESS DAY**

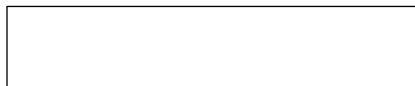
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State