

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS; according to the Neuroimmune Foundation, kids 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 abnormalities, sleep disturbances, enuresis, and urinary frequency—which can cause severe physical and emotional distress; and

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

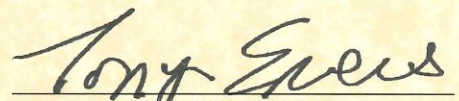
WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the Neuroimmune Foundation in working towards increased awareness, quicker and more accurate diagnoses, and greater support for all kids and families affected by PANS and PANDAS across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2022, 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 7th day of October 2022.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

