STATE of WISCONSIN

OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, it is important to accurately detect and test for Phelan-McDermid Syndrome, also known as 22q13 Deletion Syndrome, which is a rare genetic condition caused by a deletion or other structural change of the terminal end of chromosome 22 in the 22q13 region or a disease-causing mutation of the SHANK3 gene; and

WHEREAS, this microdeletion is rarely uncovered by typical genetic screening, therefore a fluorescence in situ hybridization, or FISH test, or whole exome sequencing (WES) is recommended to confirm the diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, individuals, parents and advocacy groups can increase awareness of Phelan-McDermid Syndrome and its symptoms through scientific education opportunities and informational exchange; and

WHEREAS, although the range and severity of symptoms may vary, Phelan-McDermid Syndrome is generally thought to be characterized by intellectual disability of varying degrees, delayed or absent speech, symptoms of autism spectrum disorder, low muscle tone, motor delays, and epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin is committed to building a healthcare system that works for everyone and joins patients and advocates around the world to raise awareness of Phelan-McDermid and promote education that will help inform citizens about this disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2019, as

PHELAN-MCDERMID SYNDROME 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 11th day of October 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State