

WHEREAS; Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency (Alpha-1) is a common and serious hereditary disorder that can result in life threatening lung disease in adults, as well as liver disease in both adults and children; and

WHEREAS; Alpha-1 has been identified in nearly every population and ethnic group, and it is estimated that about one in every 2,500 Americans are affected, or approximately 100,000 people; and

WHEREAS; despite its prevalence, the disorder is often misdiagnosed, and it is likely that fewer than ten percent of those who have Alpha-1 are aware of their condition; and

WHEREAS; increased awareness of Alpha-1 is essential to its early detection and treatment, and to decreased incidence of misdiagnosis; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Alpha-1 patients and advocates in spreading awareness of the disorder, both in the general public and in the medical community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim November 2021 as

## **ALPHA-1 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State