

WHEREAS; thyroid eye disease (TED) is a rare, progressive autoimmune condition characterized by the body's adaptive immune system mistakenly attacking healthy tissue behind the eye, resulting in inflammation and the formation of scar tissue; and

WHEREAS; symptoms of TED can include eye pain, irritation, and swelling, watery eyes, bulging eyes, blurred or double vision, and, in severe cases, vision loss; and

WHEREAS; it is important to acknowledge the potential functional, psychosocial, and economic impacts of TED on affected individuals, which may include the inability to work or independently perform daily activities, emotional distress, and depression; and

WHEREAS; TED has an estimated prevalence of 16 per 100,000 women and 2.9 per 100,000 men in the general population, and it appears to occur most commonly in individuals with Graves' disease; and

WHEREAS; while further research is needed to shed light on the exact underlying causes and processes of TED, it is understood that there is a genetic component and that having a family member with the condition leads to a greater risk of developing it; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals and their families, along with dedicated advocates and organizations throughout our state, in spreading awareness of TED in the hope that further research and medical advances will soon lead to a better understanding of the condition, improved treatments, and a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim November 14 through 20, 2021, as

THYROID EYE DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK

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 5th day of November 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State