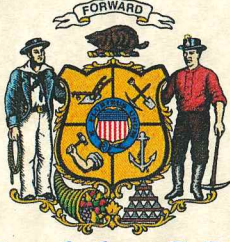


STATE of WISCONSIN



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Proclamation

WHEREAS; in the United States of America, congenital heart defects are the most frequently occurring birth defects and are the leading cause of birth defect-related deaths; and

WHEREAS; in the United States of America, approximately 40,000 infants are born each year with congenital heart defects; and

WHEREAS; congenital heart defects are being researched by numerous professionals in an effort to more accurately determine its origin, physical signs and symptoms, and to improve surgical options, and as a result, the origins and signs of congenital heart defects are becoming more easily identifiable; and

WHEREAS; there is much to learn about the causes and effective treatments for congenital heart defects, and it is paramount for caregivers, parents, pediatricians, and nurses to recognize the warning signs associated with congenital heart defects among newborns so that they may provide proper treatment as early as possible; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's families and communities have been directly affected by childhood illness and death caused by congenital heart defects; and

WHEREAS; Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week will provide the opportunity to share experiences and information with the public and the media in order to raise awareness and knowledge of congenital heart defects in the general public;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 7 through February 14 as

CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of 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 4th day of February 2019.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State