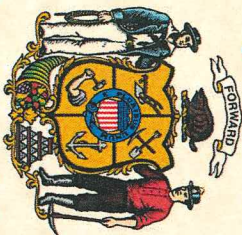


STATE of WISCONSIN



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Sarcoidosis

WHEREAS, sarcoidosis is a potentially debilitating and deadly multi-organ, inflammatory disease, estimated to affecting 200,000 people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the signs and symptoms of sarcoidosis vary widely depending on the person and organs affected and can include debilitating fatigue, shortness of breath, difficulties with balance and coordination, irregular heartbeat, visual problems, pain affecting joints and muscles, weakness or numbness of limbs, skin rash and discoloration, mood disorders such as depression and anxiety, organ failure, and sleep difficulties; and

WHEREAS, sarcoidosis can affect people of any age, race, or gender, but is most common among adults between the ages of 20 and 40 and is 3.8 times more prevalent in African Americans; and

WHEREAS, research suggests the cause of sarcoidosis is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the exact cause and progression of the disease is still unknown; and

WHEREAS, sarcoidosis is a diagnosis of exclusion as there is no objective test, biomarker, known case, or cure; and

WHEREAS, volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life and prognosis of persons living with sarcoidosis and their families;

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

SARCOIDOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
herunto 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 29th day of March 2019.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

