WHEREAS; Cystic Fibrosis, commonly referred to as “CF,” is a genetic disease affecting approximately 30,000 kids and adults in the United States and nearly 70,000 kids and adults worldwide, including more than 660 in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; a defective gene causes the body to produce an abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs, and these secretions produce life-threatening lung infections and obstruct the pancreas, preventing digestive enzymes from reaching the intestines to help break down and absorb food; and

WHEREAS; more than 10 million Americans are symptomless carriers of the defective CF gene and CF occurs in approximately one of every 3,500 live births in the United States; and

WHEREAS; the median age of survival for a person with CF is about 47 years; and

WHEREAS; infant blood screening to detect genetic defects is the most reliable and least costly method to identify persons likely to have CF; and

WHEREAS; early diagnosis of CF permits early treatment and enhances quality of life and longevity, while the treatment of CF depends on the stage of the disease and the organs involved;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2019 as

CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH

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 26th day of April 2019.

TONY EVER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State