WHEREAS: strokes occur at a rate of one in 1600 to 4000 live births each year and in 12 in 100,000 kids per year, with stroke being the sixth leading cause of death in children; and

WHEREAS: between 50 and 85 percent of infants and kids who have a Pediatric Stroke will have serious, permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, attention, learning and behavioral difficulties, and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

WHEREAS: very little is known about the cause, treatment, and prevention of Pediatric Stroke and Pediatric Stroke risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts, and treatment are often different in kids than in adults; and

WHEREAS: the life-long health concerns and treatments resulting from Pediatric Stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on kids, family, and society; and

WHEREAS: only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for Pediatric Stroke be identified and developed; and

WHEREAS: an early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of Pediatric Stroke greatly improves chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence;

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

PEDIATRIC STROKE 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 29th day of April 2019.

Tony Evers
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State