WHEREAS; Cri Du Chat syndrome is a chromosomal condition due to a missing piece of chromosome 5, characterized by intellectual disability, delayed development, small head size, low birth weight, and weak muscle tone in infancy; and

WHEREAS; each year in the United States alone, approximately 50 to 60 children are born with 5p- Syndrome (5p minus), also known as Cat Cry Syndrome or Cri du Chat Syndrome; and

WHEREAS; children born with this rare genetic defect will most likely require ongoing support from a team of parents, therapists, and medical and educational professionals to ensure the child achieve his or her maximum potential; and

WHEREAS; individuals with Cri Du Chat deserve to be recognized for what they can do versus what they cannot do, and our hope is that we can raise awareness, of Cri Du Chat Syndrome, by spreading our message; and

WHEREAS; one of the goals of Cri Du Chat Awareness Week is to end the outdated misinformation given to families when their child is diagnosed with Cri Du Chat; and

WHEREAS; the 5p- Society of North America is proud to announce that May 5th, 2019 will be designated as Cri Du Chat Awareness Day in Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2019 as

CRI DU CHAT AWARENESS DAY

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 19th day of April 2019.

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GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State