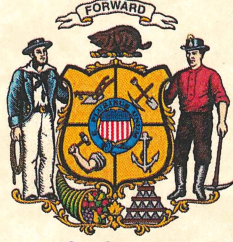


STATE of WISCONSIN



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Proclamation

WHEREAS; scleroderma is a rare, autoimmune, and rheumatic disease that hardens connective tissue throughout the body, causing swelling, skin tightening, and joint pain, among other symptoms; and

WHEREAS; while available treatments can help ease symptoms and improve the quality of life of affected individuals and their families, there is no cure for scleroderma; and

WHEREAS; the Scleroderma Foundation estimates that 300,000 individuals are affected by scleroderma in the United States, and notes that while scleroderma can impact anyone, 80 percent of scleroderma patients are women; and

WHEREAS; raising public awareness and providing comprehensive and coordinated health services for people with Scleroderma is critically important to meeting the needs of those affected and achieving positive patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS; a broad variety of scleroderma foundations and organizational partners seek to raise awareness about the chronic condition in our communities through support, education, and research toward a cure; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsinites are encouraged to wear teal on June 29th in support of scleroderma awareness and to participate in scleroderma awareness-related events during the month of June;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 29, 2019, as

WORLD SCLERODERMA DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all 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 18th day of June 2019.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State