WHEREAS, every year, according to the Center for Disease Control, about one of every 2,200 babies in Wisconsin is born with gastrochisis; and

WHEREAS, many Wisconsinites living with gastrochisis have serious and debilitating conditions that have significant effects on the lives of those impacted, including but not limited to slow growth, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants, and long term feeding issues; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by gastrochisis often experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, few treatment options, and problems related to accessing or being reimbursed for treatment; and

WHEREAS, the cause of gastrochisis is relatively unknown, and as such, patients and their families share the burden of raising funds for research; and

WHEREAS, Avery’s Angels Gastrochisis Foundation (AAGF) is organizing a nationwide observance of Gastrochisis Awareness Day on July 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Avery John Rauen, the son of AAGF’s founder, passed away from complications of his gastrochisis on July 30, 2009, and this date is to commemorate him and all others living with or deceased from gastrochisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2019, as

GASTROCHISIS AWARENESS 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 17th day of July 2019.

Tony Evers
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State