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WHEREAS; muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that affects everyone the same way, but an umbrella term covering more than 52 different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity; and

WHEREAS; all muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing or swallowing; and

WHEREAS; muscular dystrophy affects people regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS; research has yielded more new drugs to treat four types of muscular diseases – Duchenne, spinal muscular atrophy, Myasthenia Gravis, and Lou Gehrig's disease; and

WHEREAS; raising public awareness of these diseases will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as bring much-needed funding for support and services for those affected by muscular and neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS; Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and issues in the muscular dystrophy community;

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

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

and I commend this observance to all our citizens. throughout the State



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.

GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State