STATE of WISCONSIN



Proclamation

WHEREAS; multiple sulfatase deficiency (MSD) is an ultra-rare genetic disorder that is estimated to affect less than 1,000 individuals across the United States, according to the National Institute of Health; and

WHEREAS; characterized by mutations in the SUMF1 gene and the body's inability to break down and filter out everyday cellular waste, MSD causes a buildup of cellular waste throughout the body, resulting in improper organ function and, eventually, organ failure; and

WHEREAS; most often diagnosed from infancy through early childhood, symptoms of MSD vary widely, but are often progressive, and include neurologic deterioration, heart disease, hearing loss, and airway compromise; and

WHEREAS; while MSD currently has no cure, dedicated researchers around the world continue their efforts to understand how genetic disorders work and advance treatments with the hope that one day, a cure will be found; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals affected by MSD, their families, and dedicated advocates and organizations in raising awareness of the condition, promoting educational programs and research, and embracing hope for a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2024, as

MSD WORLD DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

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 June 2024.

MONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSK Secretary of State