## STATE of WISCONSIN



Proclamation

WHEREAS; Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month has been recognized annually in March since its first official designation in 1987; and

WHEREAS; July 26<sup>th</sup> of this year will mark the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibited discrimination against all Americans with disabilities and ensured the protection of their civil rights; and

WHEREAS; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that about one in six kids ages three through 17 have one or more developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsinites with developmental disabilities are a valued asset to communities across our state, serving as dedicated employees, family members, and friends; and

WHEREAS; this Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, the State of Wisconsin joins individuals with developmental disabilities as well as advocates across our state in working to ensure individuals with developmental disabilities can access the full range of choices and opportunities to live their most independent, fulfilling lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as

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throughout the Wise in 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 21st day of February 2020.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

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OUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State