WHEREAS, IgA nephropathy, also known as IgAN or Berger's disease, is a kidney disorder characterized by the buildup of immunoglobulin A, affecting the normal filtering mechanisms in the kidneys; and

WHEREAS, while treatments can slow the progress of the disease and prevent complications, IgAN currently has no cure, and it is estimated that 20 to 40 percent of affected individuals will eventually develop end-stage kidney disease and require dialysis or a kidney transplant; and

WHEREAS, kidney transplants can greatly improve the quality of life of individuals with IgAN, but unfortunately cannot guarantee that the disease will not return and infect the new kidney; and

WHEREAS, IgAN often goes undetected, underscoring the need for increased awareness of the disease and its risk factors; and

WHEREAS, today, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated advocates and organizations throughout our state in raising awareness of IgAN, providing support to affected individuals, and embracing hope that further research will lead to improved diagnoses, treatments, and a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2022, as

IGA NEPHROPATHY AWARENESS 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 10th day of May 2022.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State