

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; cognitive, emotional, and physical health are keys to overall health, quality of life, and economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS; prenatal alcohol exposure is the leading preventable cause of birth defects and intellectual and development disabilities, and Wisconsin women aged 18-44 years (childbearing age) are ranked second in the nation for any alcohol use and third in binge drinking; and

WHEREAS; fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) is an umbrella term that describes the range of effects that can occur in an individual whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy; with fetal alcohol syndrome being the most involved condition along the spectrum; and

WHEREAS; the estimated rate of FASD among school-aged children is 24-48 per 1,000, and a significant percentage of pregnancies in Wisconsin are unplanned, contributing to late entry into prenatal care and impacting the crucial early weeks of fetal development; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Health Services works with numerous partners to support a variety of education, prevention, intervention, and treatment initiatives targeting women who may be at-risk for an alcohol-exposed pregnancy, including the Alliance for Wisconsin Youth, the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program, the Maternal and Child Health Hotline, My Baby & Me, the Medicaid Prenatal Care Coordination Program, Wisconsin FASD Treatment Outreach Project, and Wisconsin First Step; and

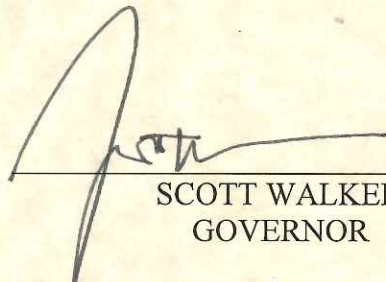
WHEREAS; FASD Awareness Day is recognized annually on the ninth day of the ninth month to remind pregnant women and women considering pregnancy to not drink alcohol and to encourage pregnant women with substance abuse disorders to seek help;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 9, 2017 as

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of 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 2nd day of August 2017.



SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State