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Governor Evers Proclaims April “Sjögren’s Awareness Month”

MADISON – Governor Evers recently released a proclamation declaring April 2024 as Sjögren’s Awareness Month. Sjögren’s is an autoimmune disease in which the immune system attacks and damages the body. Approximately 4 million Americans, including 59,000 Wisconsinites, are currently living with Sjögren’s disease, making it the second most common rheumatic autoimmune disease in the United States. Representative Alex Joers (D-Middleton) and Representative Mike Bare (D-Verona) released the following statement:

“We are extremely appreciative of the Governor releasing this proclamation to shed light on Sjögren’s disease. Sjögren’s affects the entire body through inflammation and excessive dryness, causing other serious complications such as profound fatigue, significant chronic pain, neuropathies, and lymphomas. Many find it difficult to get through the day with significant impairments to their physical health, placing a heavy burden on individuals and their families.

“The cause of Sjögren’s is unknown, and there is no single test to diagnose the autoimmune disease. This causes individuals to seek out multiple specialists for each symptom, making a diagnosis even harder to obtain with higher costs to the patient. We thank the Governor for bringing awareness to Sjögren’s, so more research can be done to better understand this autoimmune disease and more people of Wisconsin can receive quality care.”

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