

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; "fetal alcohol spectrum disorders" (FASD) is a general term that describes the wide variety of effects that can occur in a fetus whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin has the highest rates of several alcohol indicators, including drinking among adults, chronic heavy drinking among adults, underage drinking and binge drinking by women of childbearing age; and

*WHEREAS*; these disorders are a leading cause of mental retardation, learning and behavioral disabilities in the United States and in Wisconsin, and, each year in Wisconsin, approximately 70 – 80 babies are born with fetal alcohol syndrome and 150 – 200 babies are born with other issues related to prenatal alcohol exposure; and

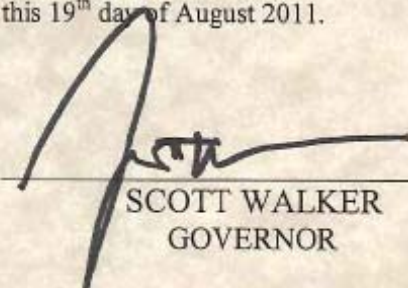
*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin encourages programs that provide services to women at risk of alcohol-exposed pregnancies and individuals at risk for FASD, along with their families;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim Friday, September 9, 2011, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2011.



SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State