STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; 1 in 26 people will develop epilepsy and epilepsy is a life threatening condition that impacts more than 2.7 million Americans and 30,000 Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; one-third of people with epilepsy cannot control their seizures with medicine and the quality of life for people with epilepsy can be improved with greater understanding and acceptance of persons with epilepsy among their peers; and

WHEREAS; epilepsy is a common disorder in young children and teens and a lack of knowledge about epilepsy can lead to isolation, teasing and sometimes intimidation from peers; and

WHEREAS; two of the fastest growing populations with epilepsy are baby boomers approaching older age and veterans with severe head trauma returning from Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is a leader in the diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy, and cutting edge research to find a cure for epilepsy is being conducted at the University of Wisconsin – Madison;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 26 – April 2, 2012, as

EPILEPSY AWARENESS WEEK

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 21st day of March 2012.

SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas LaFollette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State