

WHEREAS; school counselors work to facilitate the academic, personal, social, and career development success of students in schools across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; school counselors in Wisconsin help students of all ages and abilities explore their strengths, interests, and talents, encouraging them to harness their capabilities and reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS; collaborating with students, parents, teachers, and other educators, school counselors help students identify and pursue their areas of interest, set realistic goals, cultivate a sense of personal responsibility and purpose, and further their educational, personal, and social growth; and

WHEREAS; school counselors also play an integral role in advocating for and responding to the mental health needs of students and promoting social, emotional, and mental well-being in schools; and

WHEREAS; comprehensive school counseling programs are an essential part of any educational environment that enables all students to succeed inside and outside of the classroom, and school counselors are always seeking to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement these programs; and

WHEREAS; this year's National School Counseling Week Theme is "School Counseling: Standards-Based, Student-Focused," emphasizing the important role of guiding curriculum and established standards in developing appropriate student-centered counseling plans; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins students, parents, educators, and administrators in celebrating the unique and important role that school counselors play in encouraging and empowering students in school districts across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim February 5 through 9 2024 as

## **NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK**

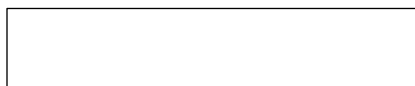
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

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 29th day of December 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State