WHEREAS; food is the element by which life is sustained, and the type, quality, and amount of food that individuals consume each day plays a critical role in their overall health and fitness; and

WHEREAS; barriers to proper nutrition, including rising food costs, inadequate nutrition education, and a lack of access to quality food options, disproportionately affect populations across Wisconsin, such as lower-income communities, communities of color, and older individuals, and there is a need for wide-scale efforts to expand opportunities for healthy eating practices in the state; and

WHEREAS; registered dietitian nutritionists (RDNs) and dietetic technicians, registered (DTRs) recognize the barriers communities face and serve as leaders in nutrition education in Wisconsin, working to translate the science of nutrition into practical solutions for healthy living across the state; and

WHEREAS; ensuring access to healthy, fresh foods improves the quality of life for all, including Wisconsin's kids, and the state remains dedicated to addressing the social, cultural, economic, and institutional factors that are at the root of many challenges to proper nutrition in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins RDNs, DTRs, and all dedicated individuals and organizations across the state in advocating for the advancement of the nutritional status of all people in Wisconsin and around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 2025 as

## NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

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 3rd day of March 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State