

WHEREAS; school social workers are skilled in identifying and providing services to students who are facing circumstances and obstacles that can hinder learning and growth, such as poverty, disability, discrimination, abuse, addiction, mental health, bullying, familial stressors, or grief and loss; and

WHEREAS; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly one in five kids between three and 17 years old in the U.S. have been diagnosed with a mental, emotional, or behavioral health condition, underscoring the need for school-based programming that meets the emotional, physical, and environmental needs of students; and

WHEREAS; as more students are struggling with mental and behavioral health disorders, school social workers remain vital to the success of Wisconsin's students, as school mental health programs can be critical to the early identification of mental health problems and the provision of appropriate services when needed; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin remains committed to advancing and supporting innovative initiatives to increase vital mental and behavioral health services in Wisconsin schools, including measures to hire more pupil service professionals like social workers, as well as supporting the overall, long-term success of the social work industry; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in thanking school social workers across the state for the important work they do to promote the academic, social, emotional, and personal success of Wisconsin's students so they can be their best and fullest selves both in and outside the classroom;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 1 through 7 2026 as

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK 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 27th day of February 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State