

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; child abuse and neglect are pervasive—yet preventable—issues affecting communities across Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS*; caregivers, families, communities, and government agencies have an obligation to work together to create safe, stable, and nurturing environments for all kids; and

*WHEREAS*; research demonstrates that building family protective factors—including social and emotional competence of children, knowledge of parenting and child development, social connections, parental resilience, and concrete supports in times of need—can promote the optimal development of kids, strengthen families, and reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect; and

*WHEREAS*; child maltreatment can be prevented by ensuring families are supported in building these protective factors through strengths-based policies, programming, and public awareness; and

*WHEREAS*; the pinwheel has come to serve as a symbol of the safe and happy childhoods that all kids deserve; and

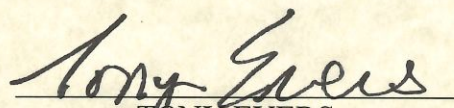
*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families and dedicated advocates and organizations across the state in reaffirming its commitment to making a difference in the lives of kids across the state by working to strengthen families and the communities in which they live;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 2024 as


## FAMILY STRENGTHENING 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 11th day  
of March 2024.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State