

WHEREAS; every day, dedicated advocates, hospital workers, police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and other trained professionals stand ready to assist in the care of children relinquished under the Safe Haven Law; and

WHEREAS; for 25 years, the Safe Haven Law has worked to prevent the unsafe abandonment of newborn babies by providing parents with a safe, responsible, and anonymous way to relinquish a newborn baby; and

WHEREAS; in recognition of the challenges parents in crisis might face when making this difficult decision, thanks to bipartisan legislation, the state of Wisconsin has extended the Safe Haven Law from 72 hours to 30 days to keep babies safe; and

WHEREAS; founded in 2001, Safe Place for Newborns is a non-profit organization that works to provide education and awareness about the Safe Haven Law in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; since its inception, the Safe Haven Law and Safe Place for Newborns have resulted in the safe relinquishment and later adoption of more than 400 infants in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated advocates and organizations like Safe Place for Newborns in thanking providers for their commitment to providing care for newborns relinquished under the Safe Haven Law and in reaffirming its commitment to ensuring that every kid can live a healthy, happy life and reach their full potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim
April 2026 as

SAFE PLACE FOR NEWBORNS DAY

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 1st day of April 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State