

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*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; and

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 3, 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 30th day  
of March 2026.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State