

WHEREAS; the first years of a child’s life are the period of the most rapid brain development, laying the foundation for future learning, health, well-being, and growth, and a stable, secure relationship with a nurturing adult is a key factor in a child’s development and success; and

WHEREAS; many parents begin the job of raising a child feeling unprepared for the challenges ahead, and children have a better, healthier start when parents have the support and skills needed to raise them; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has a network of evidence-based home visiting programs led by dedicated family support professionals that serve families across urban, rural, and Tribal communities by offering a variety of programs and models designed to help parents navigate the challenges of pregnancy, infancy, and early childhood, all the while ensuring that a family’s unique beliefs, traditions, and customs are respected; and

WHEREAS; home visiting programs help parents meet the unique needs of their kids, promote healthy development, strengthen family relationships, reduce the risk of abuse and neglect, and ensure families who face the greatest barriers have access to supportive resources; and

WHEREAS; home visitors and family support professionals, many of whom are nurses, social workers, or other skilled professionals, play a critical role by building trusting relationships with families, connecting them to community resources, and supporting parents during pivotal moments in their child’s development; and

WHEREAS; home visiting programs are strengthened through collaboration among state and local agencies, community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, early childhood and public education systems, health systems, and families themselves; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins families and communities across the state in recognizing the value of home visiting programs, as well as the many dedicated home visitors and family support professionals statewide who support the health and well-being of Wisconsin’s kids, families, and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 20 through 24 2026 as

## **NATIONAL HOME VISITING WEEK**

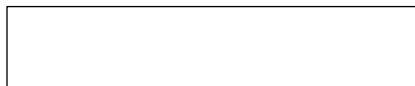
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.

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 13th day of April 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State