

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that what's best for kids is what's best for the state, and the vision of the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) is that all kids and youth are safe and loved members of thriving families and communities; and

WHEREAS; kids thrive when supported by families who provide love, identity, hope, and opportunities for lifelong connection; and

WHEREAS; families come in all shapes and sizes, and foster families provide kids who are unable to remain in their homes with security and stability, playing a vital role in their healing process and contributing to their healthy growth into adulthood; and

WHEREAS; a majority of children in foster care in Wisconsin are in family settings within their communities, with more than 2,400 children placed with relatives; and

WHEREAS; all Wisconsinites have a responsibility to create communities where every kid can grow up safe and to support the best care possible for children when they cannot remain in their own homes; and

WHEREAS; each day, thousands of professionals in public, private, and Tribal agencies work together to support Wisconsin's kids and families with the resources, support, and warmth they both need and deserve; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins DCF and all those involved with foster care in recognizing their loyal and steadfast devotion to the safety, stability, and well-being of Wisconsin's kids and families;

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

## **FOSTER CARE 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State