

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*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*; families come in all shapes and sizes, and foster families provide kids who are unable to remain in their homes with security and stability, a safe, temporary living environment, and the opportunity for lifelong connection; and

*WHEREAS*; the majority of kids in foster care in Wisconsin are in family settings within their communities, with more than 2,300 kids placed with relatives; and

*WHEREAS*; kids do best when they can be with those they already know and love, and the state of Wisconsin recognizes the importance of like-kin as relatives to kids so those individuals can receive the support needed to foster when necessary; and

*WHEREAS*; all Wisconsinites have a responsibility to create communities where every kid can grow up safe, and when kids cannot safely remain in their own homes, it is essential to support the best care and environment possible for them; 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 2025 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 25th day  
of April 2025.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State