

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identify nutrition during the first two years of life as a critical factor in early brain growth, central nervous system development, and lifelong health; and

WHEREAS; in 2019, the Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition published a field-leading consensus paper defining pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) as impaired oral intake that is not age-appropriate and is associated with medical, nutritional, feeding skill, and/or psychosocial dysfunction; and

WHEREAS; estimates suggest that more than one in 37 children under the age of five are affected by PFD, and the disorder is even more prevalent in kids with chronic diseases and other medical conditions; and

WHEREAS; every bite of food for kids experiencing PFD can be painful, scary, or simply impossible to swallow, potentially impeding nutrition, development, growth, and overall well-being; and

WHEREAS; families navigating PFD often feel isolated, overwhelmed, and struggle to overcome the medical, emotional, financial, educational, and social issues related to the disorder; and

WHEREAS; all Wisconsinites are encouraged to learn more about PFD and support efforts to improve the system of care through advocacy, education, support, and research; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins kids and families living with PFD across the state in raising awareness of the disorder and working towards a world in which affected families are properly supported and kids with PFD can thrive;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 2025 as

PEDIATRIC FEEDING DISORDER AWARENESS 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Godlewski".

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State