

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; according to Food Allergy Research & Education, as many as 33 million Americans have food allergies, including over 5 million children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS; according to the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), there are nine foods—shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame—that cause a majority of food allergy reactions in the United States; and

WHEREAS; food allergy reactions can range from mild symptoms, including hives and lip swelling, to severe reactions, such as anaphylaxis, which is a serious, life-threatening allergic reaction; and

WHEREAS; research suggests that the prevalence of food allergies has increased among children and adults, and the number of food allergy reactions requiring emergency treatment and medical procedures has increased sharply in recent years, underscoring the need for increased public awareness; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated individuals, advocates, and organizations across the state and country in spreading awareness of food allergies, working to improve the health and quality of life of individuals with food allergies, and encouraging all Wisconsinites to increase their understanding of food allergies and anaphylaxis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 12 – 18, 2024, as

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS 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 3rd day of May 2024.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State