

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; according to Food Allergy Research & Education, as many as 32 million Americans have food allergies, including nearly six million children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS; nine foods—shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame—cause a majority of food allergy reactions in the United States; and

WHEREAS; symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range from mild symptoms to severe reactions, such as anaphylaxis, which is a serious, life-threatening rapid onset allergic reaction; and

WHEREAS; Food Allergy Research & Education estimates that allergic reactions to food result in more than 200,000 emergency room visits across the country each year; and

WHEREAS; research suggests that the prevalence of food allergy is increasing among children and adults and that the number of food allergy reactions requiring emergency treatment and medical procedures has increased sharply over the past decade, underscoring the need for increasing public awareness; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins Food Allergy Research & Education, along with other dedicated individuals 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 14 – 20, 2023, 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 28th day of April 2023.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State