WHEREAS; what's best for kids is what's best for the state, and every kid should have the financial and emotional support they need to thrive; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's Child Support Program strives to provide whole family services to meet the needs of kids throughout the state, supports the involvement of parents in their kids' lives, and provides other important services to parents and caregivers; and

WHEREAS; in partnership with their communities, county, state, and Tribal child support agencies, programs serve kids and families by providing a variety of targeted resources to promote awareness of needs, assist with meeting those needs, and encourage greater family self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Child Support Program is committed to serving families across the state equally, and endeavors to always impart dignity and respect to the families receiving services; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Child Support Program is working to modernize its system and elevate the voices of parents and caregivers by incorporating their recommendations into policies and practices, both of which will serve the program positively for years to come; and

WHEREAS; National Child Support Awareness Month was first recognized in 1995 to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the federal child support program, and this occasion provides all Wisconsinites with the opportunity to recognize the parents and caregivers who work hard to protect and support their kids' futures and the child support professionals who assist them; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Child Support Program, county agencies, Tribal program partners, local community partners, and parents in increasing public awareness of the importance of providing kids with the support they need to grow up safe, happy, and supported;

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

CHILD SUPPORT 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 12th day of July 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State