

WHEREAS; childhood cancer remains an urgent health crisis and the most common cause of death by disease among children in the United States; and

WHEREAS; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 15,000 kids under the age of 20 are diagnosed with cancer in the United States each year, including many in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; although the five-year survival rate for childhood cancer has risen in recent decades, many childhood cancer survivors will face at least one chronic health condition later in life, and according to the American Cancer Society, approximately 1,040 children under the age of 15 are expected to die from cancer in 2024; and

WHEREAS; the causes of childhood cancer are still largely unknown, and the rates of common types of cancer differ by age in addition to ethnicity, underscoring the importance of furthering research to better understand and determine how to adjust treatments to the unique needs of children, as well as address the long-term health issues often faced by childhood cancer survivors; and

WHEREAS; symbolized by the color gold, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month presents all Wisconsinites with the opportunity to support kids and families affected by childhood cancer and recognize childhood cancer initiatives, organizations, and hospitals; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all kids and families affected by childhood cancer across the state, along with the healthcare professionals who dedicate their lives to caring for them, in spreading awareness of childhood cancer, embracing hope for earlier diagnoses, improved treatments, and cures, and in committing to efforts that improve the health, well-being, and quality of life for kids and families across the state;

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

CHILDHOOD CANCER 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 2nd day of August 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State