WHEREAS; according to Feeding America, over 600,000 people in Wisconsin are facing hunger, and more than 200,000 of them are kids; and

WHEREAS; every Wisconsinite deserves nutritious food on their table, yet far too many Wisconsinites struggle with food insecurity, whether it's due to poverty and unemployment, a lack of access to healthy food options, high cost of living, and more; and

WHEREAS; emotional, mental, and physical health are connected to proper nutrition, and food banks play an integral role in uplifting communities by increasing access to food, assisting individuals with benefit enrollment, and providing assistance and resources that positively serve the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS; observed every September, Hunger Action Month calls attention to the widespread issue of hunger and food insecurity in the United States, encourages individuals and organizations to donate and volunteer at their local hunger relief organization, and urges policymakers to take meaningful steps to address the systemic issues that drive food insecurity; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated food banks, hunger action organizations, and advocates across the state in recognizing the vital importance of food security for all Wisconsinites and in taking action to ensure no Wisconsinite goes hungry;

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

## **HUNGER ACTION MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have become over my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State

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2024.	•
TONY EVERS, Governor	
By the Governor:	
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SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretar	y of State