

WHEREAS; while childhood cancer is rare, it remains an urgent health crisis as the most common cause of death by disease among children in the United States; and

WHEREAS; according to a study published in the National Library of Medicine, approximately one in 260 kids under the age of 20 are diagnosed with cancer in the United States, including many in Wisconsin, and according to the American Cancer Society, approximately 1,090 children under the age of 15 are expected to die from cancer in 2026; 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

WHEREAS; the causes of childhood cancer are still largely unknown and symptoms can resemble those of other common childhood conditions, making early diagnosis difficult and 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; further, childhood cancers differ significantly from adult cancers, yet treatment options remain limited, with many therapies adapted from adult cancer protocols and few treatments developed specifically for children; and

WHEREAS; the families of children diagnosed with cancer often carry a large share of the burden of finding a medical expert, managing out-of-pocket expenses, and advocating for increased research into effective and affordable treatments; and

WHEREAS; symbolized by the color gold, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month presents all Wisconsinites 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 2026 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 26th day of August 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State