

WHEREAS; according to Feeding America, over 800,000 people in Wisconsin are facing food insecurity, and nearly 250,000 of them are kids; and

WHEREAS; every Wisconsinite deserves nutritious food on their table, yet poverty and unemployment, a lack of access to healthy food options, high cost of living, federal cuts to basic needs programs, and more, cause far too many Wisconsinites to struggle with food insecurity; and

WHEREAS; emotional, mental, and physical health go hand in hand with 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; food pantries and service groups are increasingly being asked to do more with less, and the demand for food pantry services continues to be on the rise across the state; and

WHEREAS; this month, and throughout 2026 Year of the Neighbor, policymakers are encouraged to take meaningful steps to address the systemic issues that drive food insecurity, and Wisconsinites are encouraged to donate and volunteer at their local hunger relief organization if able; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, 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 2026 as

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

and September 29, 2026, as

HUNGER ACTION DAY

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 25th day of August 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State