

WHEREAS; every year, hundreds of thousands of newborn babies are admitted to neonatal intensive care units, or NICUs, across the United States to address a variety of health concerns, and in Wisconsin, 9.5 percent of babies born between 2022 and 2024 were admitted to NICUs; and

WHEREAS; NICUs are essential to ensure that every child has the opportunity to grow up healthy and access the healthcare services and support they need to thrive; and

WHEREAS; staffed by experienced teams of doctors, nurses, occupational and physical therapists, pharmacists, social workers, and more, NICU staff are highly skilled to meet the unique and specific needs of newborn babies and their families; and

WHEREAS; families of NICU babies often struggle to find resources, support, and education, and it is vital to continue funding research into the causes behind a NICU stay and how to best support NICU families; and

WHEREAS; this month provides an opportunity to honor the dedicated healthcare professionals who work in NICUs across the state, for families to share their NICU stories, and to remind individuals and families that they are not alone; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins families, healthcare workers, and dedicated organizations across the state in spreading awareness of the challenges faced by NICU babies and their families and in increasing the visibility of research that improves their quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 2026 as

NICU 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