WHEREAS; based out of Dane County, the Rainbow Project has been supporting and advocating for the mental health needs of Wisconsin's kids since 1980; and

WHEREAS; the mission of the Rainbow Project is to serve families of diverse cultural, economic, traditional, and non-traditional backgrounds and to break the often-generational cycle of abuse, neglect, and domestic violence; and

WHEREAS; support and services offered range based on need, but can include diagnostic assessments, therapies, referral to specialized services, parent and community education, and follow-up evaluations; and

WHEREAS; the Rainbow Project promotes positive change and mental health within families through building, strengthening, and supporting healthy relationships, as well as promoting respect, growth, compassion, collaboration, and excellence; and

WHEREAS; for 19 years, the Rainbow Project has partnered with the Dane County community to establish a premier salsa fundraising event, Rhumba 4 Rainbow, the proceeds of which have aided the organization in its efforts to serve thousands of kids and caregivers; and

WHEREAS; as Rhumba 4 Rainbow has grown in scale, attendance, awareness, diversity, and contributions over the years, the Rainbow Project has had the opportunity to serve more kids and families and continue making a positive impact on the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 2023 as

RHUMBA 4 RAINBOW 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 5th day of September 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State