

WHEREAS; clothing insecurity is the lack of consistent access to clean, properly fitting, seasonally appropriate clothing and footwear, and it remains an often-overlooked consequence of poverty affecting kids, teens, adults, families, and seniors throughout Wisconsin and across the nation; and

WHEREAS; access to clean, appropriate clothing and footwear is vital to an individual’s sense of confidence and belonging, and without access to appropriate clothing, individuals may experience barriers to learning, employment, relationships, and full participation in their community; and

WHEREAS; clothing resource organizations, nonprofit organizations, schools, social-service agencies, community groups, volunteers, donors, and other partners throughout Wisconsin work collaboratively to address clothing insecurity and expand access to essential items provided with dignity, compassion, and respect; and

WHEREAS; today, and throughout the Year of the Neighbor, community and state leaders are encouraged to take meaningful steps to address the systemic issues that drive clothing insecurity, and Wisconsinites are encouraged to donate and volunteer as the need for clothing and personal items continues to grow due to financial hardship, natural disasters, and other unexpected emergencies; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated advocates and organizations in raising awareness of clothing insecurity, helping alleviate clothing insecurity by volunteering and supporting donations, and working to ensure that every Wisconsinite has access to the clothing they need to work, play, and thrive;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 15 2026 as

**NATIONAL CLOTHING INSECURITY
AWARENESS 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 4th day of September 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State