WHEREAS; in the United States, there are over two million military family members who serve as a crucial support system for the nation's uniformed service members; and

WHEREAS; many familial relocations occur during the summer months and can sometimes occur with minimal advanced notice, spurring feelings of displacement and a lack of established community; and

WHEREAS; a sense of belonging is essential to the well-being and readiness of military families; and

WHEREAS; the last week in September is designated annually as Blue Star Welcome Week to recognize the active-duty and transitioning military families who relocate to new communities each year and to better support their connections to neighbors and develop a network of mutual support; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in thanking military families across the state for their service and celebrating their strength, resilience, sacrifice, and contributions to their communities and nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 21 through 29 2024 as

BLUE STAR WELCOME WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

	have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State e at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 29th day of August
TONY EVERS, Governor	
By the Governor:	7

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State