WHEREAS; in the United States, there are over two million military families, serving as a crucial support system for the nation's armed servicemembers; 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; annually, Blue Star Families designates the last week in September 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, developing 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 23 through October 1 2023 as

## **BLUE STAR WELCOME WEEK**

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

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I I	nave hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State
of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done	e at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 13th day of Septembe
2023.	
TONY EVERS, Governor	
By the Governor:	

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State