WHEREAS; in the United States, there are over 2 million military family members who serve as a crucial support system for the nation's uniformed service members; and

WHEREAS; according to Blue Star Families, more than 600,000 military families relocate each year, sometimes with minimal advance notice, which can often spur 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 the state is committed to ensuring that military families feel a strong sense of belonging to their local civilian communities; 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 26 through October 4 2026 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 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 16th day of September 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State