

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; established in 1988, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month was created to recognize those impacted by pregnancy and infant loss nationwide; and

WHEREAS; research suggests that between 10 and 20 percent of all pregnancies end in miscarriage, stillbirth affects approximately one in 175 births each year in the United States, and in 2023, the national infant mortality rate, which measures the death of infants in the first year of life, was 5.6 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS; often, the mental toll taken following pregnancy or infant loss surpasses the physical one, and resources, including support groups, professional counseling, and therapy services, exist across the state and nation to help those afflicted by loss; and

WHEREAS; the National Maternal Mental Health Hotline provides free and confidential access to trained counselors 24/7 in more than 60 languages and is available by calling 1-833-TLC-MAMA; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins families, friends, and dedicated individuals and organizations across the state in honoring the memory and lives of those lost during pregnancy or infancy and showing encouragement and support for families forever devastated by their loss;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as


PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

and October 15, 2024, as

PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE 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 27th day of September 2024.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State