

WHEREAS; established in 1965, Head Start programs are an essential resource for families across the United States, offering high-quality early learning, health, and family support services; and

WHEREAS; featuring inclusive programming for kids from birth to five years old, Head Start programs have supported 40 million kids and families across the nation over the last six decades; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin’s Head Start programs serve tens of thousands of kids each year, employ over 4,000 dedicated staff members, and engage a network of 18,000 volunteers and parents; and

WHEREAS; research finds that kids who participate in Head Start programs are increasingly likely to graduate high school, attend college, have improved social, emotional, and behavioral development, and experience better long-term outcomes in education, employment, and overall life success; and

WHEREAS; Head Start programs work to address the complex needs of kids and families, serving as a vital safety net for Wisconsin’s most at-risk families, underscoring the importance of ensuring the state’s Head Start centers have the resources they need to operate and best serve local kids, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated organizations, educators, child care professionals, families, and community partners across the state in celebrating 60 years of Head Start programs and in reaffirming its commitment to providing quality early education services for all kids;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 2025 as

HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH

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 17th day of September 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State