

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*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*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State