WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that what is best for kids is what is best for the state, which means meeting the health needs of every kid; and

WHEREAS; kids are Wisconsin's greatest resource, and it is essential that they have access to the health services and support they need so that they can lead healthy lives and learn, develop, and grow to achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS; factors such as family income, housing, educational opportunities, availability of fresh, nutritious foods, access to affordable health, dental, behavioral, and mental health services, lack of or inadequate health insurance, and other social determinants of health directly impact Wisconsin's youth; and

WHEREAS; it is important to advocate for health equity and targeted evidence-based strategies that improve wellness for kids and families, eliminate disparities in access to care, and encourage meaningful action through robust partnerships, health education, early detection, immunization efforts, and more; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that every kid in Wisconsin can live a healthy life and reach their highest potential, and the state joins parents, educators, healthcare professionals, and all concerned adults across the state in recognizing the importance of kid's health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 7 2024 as

CHILD HEALTH 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