

WHEREAS; what’s best for kids is what’s best for the state, and every kid in Wisconsin deserves access to healthy and nutritious food, which can lead to better academic, behavioral, and social outcomes for kids and promote cognitive and physical development; and

WHEREAS; according to Feeding America, one in nine kids face hunger in Wisconsin, and the National School Lunch Program is instrumental in preventing hunger by providing low-cost or free lunches to students enrolled in schools across the state so kids can focus on their studies and not on if or when they will eat next; and

WHEREAS; breakfast and lunch programs that engage local farmers and producers and prioritize children’s health and well-being are important to ensure kids have the tools to be successful both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to ensuring all Wisconsinites have access to quality, affordable foods and recognizes organizations and programs like the National School Lunch Program for their relentless work and advocacy to provide dietary education to families and nutritious meals to kids across the state and nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 9 through 13 2023 as

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH 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 4th day of October 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State