WHEREAS; what's best for kids is what's best for the state, and every kid in Wisconsin deserves access to healthy, quality, and nutritious food; and
WHEREAS; healthy meals have been shown to support better academic, behavioral, and social outcomes, as well as promote cognitive and physical development in kids, however, according to Feeding America, one in five kids faces hunger in Wisconsin; and
WHEREAS; the National School Lunch Program is instrumental in preventing hunger by providing free or low-cost lunches to students enrolled in schools across the state, so kids can focus on their education and not on if or when they will eat next; and
WHEREAS; additionally, the state has been proud to support farm to school initiatives, which aim to develop strong partnerships between schools and farmers, food distributors, and processors to increase the amount of Wisconsin-grown and produced food in Wisconsin schools, promote nutrition education in classrooms, and encourage the implementation of school gardens; and
WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to ensuring all Wisconsinites have access to quality, affordable foods and recognizes the dedicated individuals, organizations, and programs that continue to provide nutritious meals to kids and dietary education to families across the state and nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 12 through 16 2026 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 12th day of October 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State