

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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 six kids faces 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 kid's health and well-being are also important to ensure students have the tools to be successful both in and out of the classroom, and thanks to one-time funding from the United States Department of Agriculture, the state has been proud to pilot the Wisconsin Farm to School Grant Program to develop farm to school partnerships, implement farm to school initiatives, and strengthen Wisconsin's statewide farm to school network; 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 and Wisconsin Farm to School Grant 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 14 – 18, 2024, 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 11th day of October 2024.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State