WHEREAS; what's best for kids is what's best for the state, and that means supporting individuals, families, organizations, and institutions that are dedicated to creating a world that protects and cares for kids; and

WHEREAS; kids across the state face unique challenges that threaten their physical safety, emotional, social, and mental well-being, and ability to effectively thrive in supportive environments, and more must be done to ensure every kid has the opportunity to succeed in their pursuits; and

WHEREAS; throughout the history of the United States, there has been a strong relationship between women's organizations and child welfare, with women's groups playing a critical role in the passage of the first child labor laws and helping to establish countless libraries and educational programs that continue to serve kids in Wisconsin and across the country, among other endeavors; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated community organizations around the state in acknowledging the importance of advocating on behalf of kids and working towards a world that is safe, supportive, and equitable so that every kid can lead their best and fullest life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 18 through 24 2026 as

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN 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 15th day of October 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State