WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that what is best for kids is what is best for the state and that kids flourish when supported by their families, relatives, and communities; and

WHEREAS; adoption provides an opportunity to improve and enrich the lives of kids and families across the state, and every kid, regardless of age, gender, race, or ability, deserves a loving, supportive, and nurturing permanent family to call their own; and

WHEREAS; according to the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, 688 children have gained the support and connection of a permanent family through public adoption in 2023; and

WHEREAS; there remains a need for families that can support siblings, older youth, and young people with complex needs through adoption, and there are kids in Wisconsin's foster care system waiting for compassionate families to provide loving and supportive homes that cultivate connection; and

WHEREAS; those who open their homes through adoption are supported members of communities, which includes relatives, like-kin, those who adopt through child welfare, and those who adopt through private domestic and international adoptions; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating families created through adoption, honoring the resilience of adoptees, and thanking the multitude of individuals in public, private, and Tribal agencies that work every day to enhance the lives of kids and families across the state;

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

ADOPTION MONTH

and November 23 2024 as

ADOPTION 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 1st day of November 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State