

WHEREAS; founded in 1938 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, March of Dimes was established with the original mission of helping to eradicate polio in the United States and has since developed into one of the nation's leading nonprofit organizations dedicated to maternal and infant health; and

WHEREAS; following the development of two vaccines against polio in the late 1950s, March of Dimes shifted its attention to the prevention of congenital disorders and through state and federal advocacy, established a robust network of research centers and monitoring programs which have led to the creation of life-saving products and tests over the years; and

WHEREAS; March of Dimes has also been a leader in research and advocacy for the prevention of preterm births, including through campaigns such as the Prematurity Campaign and efforts to enact the Premature Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act at the federal level; and

WHEREAS; March of Dimes has long worked to expand healthcare access for women, infants, children, and families before, during, and after pregnancy, including through supporting programs and policies like the Children's Health Insurance Program and the expansion of Medicaid postpartum coverage; and

WHEREAS; the work of March of Dimes extends beyond policy advocacy and into the lives of individual families, as the organization sponsors numerous programs that support healthy pregnancies, deliveries, and maternal health, in addition to providing a NICU family support program; and

WHEREAS; by funding research, providing communities with educational resources and programming, and engaging in political advocacy, March of Dimes has served families across the United States for 85 years; and


WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin wishes March of Dimes and its staff and volunteers many more years of service and success;

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

## **85TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARCH OF DIMES**

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 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State