

WHEREAS; addressing the complex mental health needs of our kids, youth, and families is fundamental to ensuring the future prosperity of our state and country, and the need for comprehensive, coordinated mental health services places a critical responsibility on our educators and our communities; and

WHEREAS; teaching kids skills that they can use to effectively navigate life, both academically and otherwise, can allow them to thrive physically, mentally, and emotionally; and

WHEREAS; raising awareness of the importance of social and emotional health has the potential to benefit children, youth, and families in communities throughout Wisconsin, helping them to understand the power of courage, gratitude, forgiveness, and compassion in action, among other virtues; and

WHEREAS; implementing social and emotional learning into our classrooms can be a crucial first step towards addressing the multitude of mental health challenges facing kids today; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated individuals and organizations across our state and country in promoting hope, healing, and love through social emotional learning;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim February 2022 as

## **CHOOSE LOVE AWARENESS MONTH**


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 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State