

WHEREAS; every year, the celebration of School Social Worker Week highlights the crucial role that school social workers play in the lives of students and families across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; the unprecedented challenges of the past year, including the COVID-19 pandemic, have underscored the need for Wisconsin's schools to promote their social work programs in order to meet students' emotional, physical, and environmental needs and improve their chances for academic success; and

WHEREAS; school social workers are mental health experts who provide leadership and guidance to students who are facing obstacles that can hinder learning and growth as individuals, such as poverty, disability, discrimination, abuse, addiction, bullying, divorce, or grief and loss; and

WHEREAS; our state's school social workers are highly qualified professionals who strive to create a positive school environment and foster vital partnerships among families, schools, and local communities; and


WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in thanking school social workers across our state for the important work they do to promote the academic, social, and personal success of Wisconsin's students;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 7 through 13, 2021, as

## **SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State