WHEREAS; as set forth in 1948 by the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights, one of the basic rights of all people is the right to basic nutrition, and the care and well-being of children must be a priority; and

WHEREAS; created in 1968, the federal Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) has been vital in supporting the long-term health of folks across our state by giving children the best possible foundation in life and supporting adults in need; and

WHEREAS; administered in Wisconsin by the Community Nutrition Team through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), the CACFP provides reimbursements for nutritious meals and snacks to eligible children and adults who are enrolled for care at participating childcare centers, day care homes, and adult day care centers throughout our state; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that emotional, mental, and physical health are connected to nutritious eating, and the two fundamental goals of the CACFP are to ensure that the individuals serviced by the program are both well-nourished during their critical developmental years and establish healthy eating behaviors that will last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS; throughout the coronavirus pandemic, we have seen child and adult care providers play a critical role in ensuring that kids and adults in communities across our state maintain access to regular, nutritious meals; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins DPI and the CACFP in reaffirming its commitment to promoting proper nutrition year-round for kids and adults throughout our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 13 through 19, 2022, as CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM 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 18th day of February 2022.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State