WHEREAS: child abuse and neglect are pervasive, yet preventable issues in our communities; and

WHEREAS: communities and family support networks can and should prioritize the safety and well-being of all children; and

WHEREAS: child maltreatment can lead to a broad range of short and long-term physical and emotional health problems; and

WHEREAS: research demonstrates that building family protective factors – like Social and Emotional Competence of Children, Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development, Social Connections, and Parental Resilience and Concrete Supports in Times of Need – promotes the optimal development of children and reduces the likelihood of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS: child maltreatment can be reduced by ensuring families are supported in building protective factors through strengths-based policies, programming, and public awareness; and

WHEREAS: during the month of April, the State of Wisconsin embraces Pinwheels for Prevention® as the pinwheel has come to serve as the physical embodiment, or reminder, of the great childhoods we want for all children; and

WHEREAS: all Wisconsinites have the responsibility to care for kids across out state, ensuring they grow up with protective factors in their homes, schools, and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as

CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of 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 19th day of March 2020.

Tony Evers
GOVERNOR

By the Governor

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State