WHEREAS; kids in Wisconsin with mental health and substance use challenges rely on collaboration between their families and service providers, schools, community supports, and county, state, and Tribal agencies to provide an effective system of care; and

WHEREAS; an increase in the number of young people experiencing mental health and substance use challenges in recent years has only amplified the need to strengthen the capacity of the state's system of care and to ensure that services and supports are effective, family- and youth-driven, community-based, and culturally and linguistically appropriate; and

WHEREAS; now is the time for all system of care partners to come together and commit to enhancing the provision of services and supports to kids experiencing mental health and substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), in partnership with systems of care across the state, has identified the strengths and needs of the state's system of care; and

WHEREAS; organized by DHS, the Children's System of Care Summit taking place April 25 – 26, 2023, is an opportunity for leadership from each partner group—including kids and their families—to collaborate on the next steps to build a system of care that works for all kids in the state; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins DHS and all system of care partners in raising awareness of the importance of supporting kids across the state, especially those experiencing mental health and substance use challenges;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 23 – 29, 2023, as

CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE 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 24th day of March 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State