

WHEREAS; National Infant Immunization Week is an annual observance that highlights the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and celebrates the achievements of immunization programs in promoting healthy communities across our country; and

WHEREAS; immunizations are key to keeping Wisconsin's kids healthy by preventing the spread of diseases, such as measles, mumps, diphtheria, polio, tetanus, hepatitis B, rotavirus, and chickenpox, that were once endemic; and

WHEREAS; starting at birth, children need a series of vaccinations to be fully protected from deadly and debilitating diseases and to help their families save on healthcare costs in the long term; and

WHEREAS; all kids have the right to grow up healthy, no matter how much money their families make, which is why the Wisconsin Vaccines for Children program has worked for 27 years to reduce economic barriers to immunization across our state; and

WHEREAS; vaccinations are a safe and effective way to protect our kids from diseases, especially those that are unable to receive certain vaccines, either due to age or a compromised immune system; and

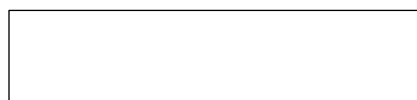
WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins families, healthcare professionals, and public health officials across our state in working to promote education, ensure access to services such as our state's immunization registry, and put policies in place to support kids being vaccinated on time;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 24 – May 1, 2021, as

## **NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State