

WHEREAS; Infant Immunization Week is an annual observance that highlights the positive impact of vaccinations on the lives of infants and kids; and

WHEREAS; starting at birth, children need a series of vaccinations to be fully protected from potentially deadly and debilitating diseases, and on-time vaccination is key to keeping Wisconsin's kids healthy by preventing the spread of these once-endemic diseases, which include measles, mumps, diphtheria, polio, tetanus, hepatitis B, rotavirus, and chickenpox; and

WHEREAS; stopping the spread of disease is dependent on high rates of immunization throughout all communities in Wisconsin, and vaccinations are a safe and effective way to protect kids from preventable diseases, especially those that are unable to receive certain vaccines due to age or compromised immune systems; and

WHEREAS; all kids have the right to grow up healthy, no matter their family's socioeconomic status, which is why the Wisconsin Vaccines for Children program has worked with participating healthcare providers for 29 years to reduce economic barriers to immunization across the state, providing no-cost vaccines to children who might not otherwise have access; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin recognizes and celebrates the healthcare professionals and public health officials who are working to promote vaccine education, ensure and expand access to services such as the state's immunization registry, and encourage families to make plans for their kids to receive their recommended vaccinations on schedule;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 24 through 30, 2023, as

## **WISCONSIN 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State