STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) 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 26 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 too young to receive certain vaccines or who have compromised immune systems; and

WHEREAS; this NIIW, the state of Wisconsin joins families, healthcare professionals, and public health officials in working to promote education, ensure access to services such as the 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 25 – May 2, 2020, as

NATURE L INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK

hro fout 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 21st day of April 2020.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State