

WHEREAS; toxic stress in childhood can be damaging to a kid’s developing brain, leaving kids more vulnerable to poor physical and mental health outcomes throughout life; and

WHEREAS; toxic stress can be caused by numerous events and factors in a kid’s life, such as abuse and neglect, socioeconomic hardship, neighborhood violence, exposure to domestic violence, the loss of a parent or caregiver, or living with a parent or caregiver with a mental health or substance abuse issue; and

WHEREAS; trauma is often passed on from generation to generation, which disproportionately harms kids who belong to historically marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS; the disruptions and uncertainties in work and family life due to the current public health emergency increase the risk that children experience trauma or may amplify its harmful impact; and

WHEREAS; kids become more resilient when supported by strong families and communities; and

WHEREAS; Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) can help prevent and mitigate the long-term impact of stressful childhood events and historical trauma by incorporating the TIC values of safety, trusted, supportive relationships, choice, and coordinated services into all environments where kids and families reside; and

WHEREAS; a trauma-informed Wisconsin enhances the ability of folks of all ages and backgrounds to build resilience and thrive despite challenging times; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has worked diligently to promote the application of trauma-informed principles across our state – in our counties, tribes, schools, businesses, and agencies – and is committed to remaining a national leader in TIC;

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

TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE AWARENESS MONTH

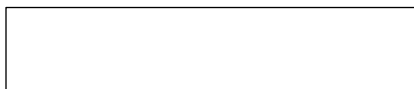
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

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 April 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State