

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that what is best for our kids is what is best for our state, and that kids flourish when supported by families who provide love, identity, and hope; and

WHEREAS; families come in all shapes and sizes, and foster families open their hearts and homes by caring for kids whose families are in crisis, playing a vital role in their healing process, empowering them to see a future of limitless potential, and protecting and nurturing them by establishing lasting connections, providing security and stability, and contributing to their healthy growth into adulthood; and

WHEREAS; nearly 7,100 children are currently living in foster care in Wisconsin, and demand persists for more foster families to provide caring and supportive homes during difficult periods in the lives of kids and families across our state; and

WHEREAS; supportive foster families are needed now more than ever, as kids and families across our state continue to face the unique challenges of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including isolation, stress, and disruptive changes to kids' routines; and

WHEREAS; all Wisconsinites have a responsibility to create an environment where all kids can grow up safely, and to support the best care possible for children when they cannot remain in their own homes; and

WHEREAS; each day, thousands of professionals in public, private, and tribal agencies work together to support Wisconsin's kids and families with the resources, support, and warmth they need and deserve; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all of those involved with foster care in recognizing their loyal and steadfast devotion to the safety, stability, and well-being of Wisconsin's kids and families year-round;

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

## **FOSTER CARE MONTH**

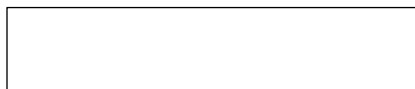
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State