WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that what is best for our kids is what is best for our state, and that kids thrive 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, providing them with security and stability, playing a vital role in their healing process, and contributing to their healthy growth into adulthood; and

WHEREAS; a majority of kids in foster care in Wisconsin are in home-like settings within their communities, with over 2,700 children placed with relatives; and

WHEREAS; all Wisconsinites have a responsibility to create an environment where every kid 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 both 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 2022, 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 22nd day of April 2022.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State