

WHEREAS; whether it is stress, online bullying, or traumatic events at home or in the news, we recognize that kids across our state are struggling with their mental health, both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS; rates of anxiety are increasing every year among Wisconsin's youth, and the coronavirus pandemic has only exacerbated mental health challenges, including anxiety, depression, and self-harm; and

WHEREAS; addressing the complex mental health needs of Wisconsin's kids, youth, and families is fundamental to ensuring a healthier and better future for our state; and

WHEREAS; the need for comprehensive, coordinated mental health services for our kids, youth, and families has never been more evident and places a critical responsibility on our educators, our communities, and our state; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin has been proud to advance and support unique and innovative solutions, such as the Get Kids Ahead initiative and other measures, that address the increased need for student mental health resources and services in our state's K-12 schools; and

WHEREAS; practicing resilience and building social connections can provide relief and support to young people, and we recognize that special attention should be turned towards helping kids navigate the challenges and changes that COVID-19 has made to school, extracurricular activities, and social gatherings; and

WHEREAS; our kids are our greatest resource, and it is essential that they have access to the services and support that they need, particularly where mental health is concerned; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in reaffirming our commitment to supporting and prioritizing the mental health of our state's kids, youth, and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 5, 2022, as

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

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 29th day of April 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State