

WHEREAS; as many as 32 million Americans have food allergies, including nearly 6 million children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS; nine foods—shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame—cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the United States; and

WHEREAS; symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range from mild symptoms to severe reactions such as anaphylaxis, which is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and

WHEREAS; food allergy reactions result in more than 200,000 emergency room visits in our country each year, with reactions typically occurring when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

WHEREAS; the number of food allergy reactions requiring emergency treatment and medical procedures has increased sharply over the past decade, underscoring the need for increasing public awareness; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins Food Allergy Research & Education, along with other dedicated individuals and organizations across our state and country, in working to improve the health and quality of life of individuals with food allergies and encouraging all Wisconsinites to increase their understanding of food allergies and anaphylaxis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 9 through 15, 2021, as

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

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 14th day of April 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State