WHEREAS; food insecurity among kids increases during the summer months as low-income families struggle to make up for the loss of school-based meals; and

WHEREAS; summer meal programs, like the Summer Food Service Program administered by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction’s Community Nutrition Team, help ensure our kids receive regular and adequate nutrition all year long by providing free and healthy food options for kids and families struggling with food insecurity; and

WHEREAS; the summer months provide a unique opportunity for schools to integrate locally sourced foods and to test new recipes, and regional producers benefit from a reliable outlet for their products during these months, as well; and

WHEREAS; throughout the coronavirus pandemic, we have seen school and community food service programs play a critical role in ensuring kids in their communities have access to regular, nutritious meals; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that every kid in Wisconsin receives high-quality and nutritious meals year-round and that no kid goes hungry this summer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 20 through 24, 2022, as

SUMMER MEALS 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 18th day of May 2022.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State