WHEREAS; childhood cancer is the most common disease killer of kids in the United States and, with incidence rates increasing every year, presents an urgent health crisis; and

WHEREAS; one in five of our nation’s kids loses their battle with cancer within five years of diagnosis and 95 percent of childhood cancer survivors will end up with life-threatening illnesses; and

WHEREAS; in Wisconsin alone, 322 new cancer cases are diagnosed in kids and adolescents every year; and

WHEREAS; it is our goal as a state and as a country to enhance the ability of kids to survive and thrive following a cancer diagnosis, and to improve the quality of life of these kids and their families; and

WHEREAS; symbolized by the color gold, National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month presents all Wisconsinites with the opportunity to recognize and support childhood cancer initiatives, organizations, hospitals, and families affected by the disease; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all kids and families affected by childhood cancer across our state, along with the healthcare workers who dedicate their lives to caring for them, in spreading awareness of the disease and embracing hope for a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 2020 as

NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS 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 24th day of September 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State