

WHEREAS; every year, hundreds of thousands of newborn babies are admitted to neonatal intensive care units, or NICUs, across the United States to address a variety of health concerns; and

WHEREAS; families of NICU babies often struggle to find resources, support, and education, and funding for research into the causes of a NICU stay as well as the holistic care of NICU families is vital; and

WHEREAS; this occasion provides an opportunity for all families whose lives have been affected by a NICU stay to share their stories, to honor the dedicated healthcare professionals who work in these units, and to remind individuals and families that they are not alone by encouraging and facilitating connection with others who have also been impacted; and

WHEREAS; NICUs are essential to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to grow up healthy and access the healthcare services and support they need to thrive; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins families, healthcare workers, and dedicated organizations across our state in spreading awareness of the challenges faced by NICU babies and their families, and in increasing visibility of research that improves their quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 2021 as

## **NICU 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State