

WHEREAS; childhood cancer is the most common cause of death by disease in kids in the United States and, with incidence rates increasing every year since the 1970s, presents an urgent health crisis; and

WHEREAS; more than 15,780 kids and adolescents, or approximately one in every 285 kids from birth to 19 years old, are diagnosed with cancer each year in the United States, including many in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; although the five-year survival rate for childhood cancer has risen in recent decades, one in five of our nation's kid loses their battle with cancer within five years of diagnosis and two thirds of childhood cancer survivors face at least one chronic health condition later in life; and

WHEREAS; the causes of childhood cancer are still largely unknown, and further research is needed in order to better understand the disease and determine which treatments work best for children; 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 and all Americans with the opportunity to recognize and support kids and families affected by the disease, as well as childhood cancer initiatives, organizations, and hospitals; and

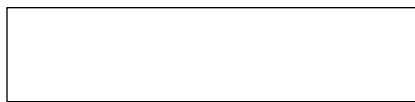
WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all kids and families affected by childhood cancer across our state, along with the healthcare professionals who dedicate their lives to caring for them, in spreading awareness of the disease and embracing hope for earlier diagnoses, improved treatments,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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 2021 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State