

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; 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; families of NICU babies often struggle to find resources, support, and education, and it is vital to continue funding research into the causes behind a NICU stay and how to best support NICU families; 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; 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 2022 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 9th day of September 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State