

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; childhood cancer is the most common cause of death by disease in kids in the United States, and with incidence rates having increased over the last several decades, presents an urgent health crisis; and

*WHEREAS*; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 15,000 kids under the age of 20 are diagnosed with cancer in the United States each year, including many in Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS*; although the five-year survival rate for childhood cancer has risen in recent decades, it is estimated that one in six of our nation's kids loses their battle with cancer within five years of diagnosis and childhood cancer survivors often 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 and determine how to tailor treatments to the unique needs of children; and

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

*WHEREAS*; symbolized by the color gold, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month presents all Wisconsinites and all people with the opportunity to recognize and support kids and families affected by childhood cancer, 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 childhood cancer and embracing hope for earlier diagnoses, improved treatments, and a cure;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 2022 as

## CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

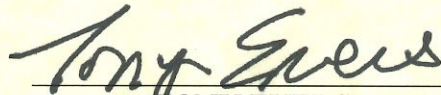
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
August 2022.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR