STATE of WISCONSIN
OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of babies are admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) each year to address a variety of healthcare concerns faced by newborns, including prematurity, respiratory problems, infection, and more; and

WHEREAS, parents and families of NICU babies often face fear and uncertainty while their child stays in the NICU; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin recognizes that raising awareness about the NICU journey experienced by children and families throughout Wisconsin encourages investments in research toward the causes of NICU stays, helps raise awareness about conditions treated in the NICU, and encourages the dissemination of resources for NICU babies and families; and

WHEREAS, NICU Awareness Day enables all individuals and families whose lives have been affected by NICU to tell their story, share resources and information, and support each other throughout their respective healthcare journeys; and

WHEREAS, NICU Awareness Day provides an opportunity for all Wisconsinites to support the childbirth journeys of our families, friends, and loved ones, and to honor the healthcare professionals who care for our children and families each day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2019, as

NICU AWARENESS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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 16th day of September 2019.

Tony Evers
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
Secretary of State