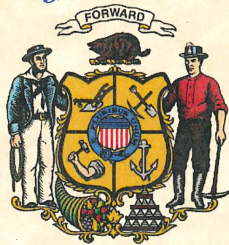


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; National Youth Justice Awareness Month is recognized each October to encourage the implementation of trauma-informed, age-appropriate rehabilitation policies within state correctional programs and facilities throughout the country, and to raise public awareness about the prosecution of youth as adults within the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS; youth, especially youth of color, continue to face unjust prosecution and incarceration in the adult criminal justice system across our state and our country; and

WHEREAS; prosecuting juvenile offenders as adults increases the likelihood of future offenses and disrupts the pursuit of housing, education, and employment; and

WHEREAS; as outlined in Executive Order #43, the state of Wisconsin is committed to investing in preventative measures that divert youth from the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems, and instead encourage the development of community, family, and school-based services; and

WHEREAS; through the re-establishment of the Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission, the state of Wisconsin joins local officials, representatives of public agencies and non-profit groups, mental health professionals, and individuals personally affected by youth justice from across the state to address and promote juvenile justice in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 2019 as

YOUTH JUSTICE AWARENESS MONTH

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 19th day of September 2019.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State