## STATE of WISCONSIN



Proclamation

WHEREAS; what is best for our kids is what is best for our state, which means ensuring that every kid in Wisconsin has access to a high-quality education and a safe, supportive school environment; and

WHEREAS; no student, educator, staff member, or administrator should ever be afraid to go to school; and

WHEREAS; it is the responsibility of all Wisconsinites to work together on school violence prevention—whether bullying, harassment, gun violence, or discrimination—to ensure our classrooms, hallways, and schools are safe and conducive for learning and teaching; and

WHEREAS; last year, the Office of School Safety, through the Wisconsin Department of Justice, announced the "Speak Up, Speak Out" School Safety Resource Center, which is the first of its kind in our country and is a 24/7 tool that provides students, school staff, parents, and community members with a threat reporting system, threat assessment consultation, critical incident response, and general school safety guidance, and serves as a resource for students to report concerns about harming themselves or others; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that every week is Safe Schools Week for classrooms and schools across our state, and we reaffirm our commitment to providing our schools and school districts with positive and safe climates for learning, teaching, and working;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 17 – 23, 2021, as

## SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK

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

Or:

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

PONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State