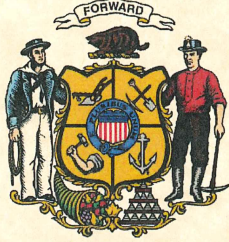


STATE of WISCONSIN



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Proclamation

WHEREAS; childhood lead poisoning is a serious public health crisis in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; over the past two decades, more than 220,000 Wisconsin children have been exposed to lead, a known neurotoxin associated with lower IQ and developmental delays, increased learning and behavioral problems, early-onset cardiovascular disease, and often seizures, coma, and death; and

WHEREAS; lead poisoning affects children in all areas of Wisconsin from all socioeconomic strata, with 86 percent of children from low-income families with limited social and economic supports being disproportionately affected thus contributing to health inequities; and

WHEREAS; no amount of lead exposure is safe, and lead poisoning and exposure is entirely preventable by removing lead hazards from children's living environments and properly handling lead within work environments; and

WHEREAS; Executive Order 36 directs the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to lead statewide efforts to ensure a robust and comprehensive response to Wisconsin's lead crisis through a multi-pronged approach, including prevention, surveillance, interventions, and treatment for lead-poisoned children, and lead hazard abatement in children's homes; and

WHEREAS; local collaborations involving all stakeholders, including health departments, governing bodies, community organizations, and families, are key to implementing solutions, such as public awareness, blood-lead testing, in-home nurse visits, and environmental lead investigations and remediation; and

WHEREAS; state and local leaders must continue to advocate for and work towards replacing the 176,000 lead service lines still delivering drinking water in 80 communities across the state; and

WHEREAS; public-private partnerships, such as the Department of Health Services' Lead-Safe Homes Program, are crucial to continuing to reduce the incidence of childhood lead poisoning in Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 20 -26, 2019, as

CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

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 18th day of October 2019.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State