

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

WHEREAS; between 2000 and 2020, more than 200,000 Wisconsin children under the age of 6 experienced lead poisoning, characterized by exposure to a neurotoxin that can cause damage to the brain and nervous system, which can result in learning and behavior problems, slowed growth and development, and difficulties with hearing and speech; and

WHEREAS; childhood lead poisoning has affected every county in Wisconsin, with a disproportionate number of children who have experienced lead poisoning coming from low-income families who often face inequitable access to the healthcare services needed to treat lead exposure, as well as the economic and social supports necessary to prevent lead poisoning in the first place; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is committed to leading Wisconsin's response to the lead poisoning crisis and works closely with state agencies, local health departments, childcare providers, healthcare providers, community organizations, and businesses to eliminate sources of lead exposure and support children who have been lead poisoned; and

WHEREAS; no amount of lead exposure is safe, and robust policies and funding are needed to ensure communities can remove all sources of lead from their environments to protect the health of all kids now and in the future, which is why the state of Wisconsin continues to utilize all state and federal resources available to assist local communities with replacing lead service lines that provide drinking water; and

WHEREAS; parents and caregivers are encouraged to talk with their healthcare provider or local clinic about the risk of lead exposure in their community and learn about the resources available to protect the health and safety of Wisconsin's kids; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins DHS' Division of Public Health in recognizing the dangers of lead poisoning and the actions that must be taken to prevent and address childhood lead poisoning across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 23 – 29, 2022, as

NATIONAL LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

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

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 13th day of October 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State