WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin recognizes that kids and youth thrive when supported by families who provide support, love, identity, and hope; and

WHEREAS, foster families open their homes and hearts by offering help to children whose families are in crisis, playing a vital role in the healing process and preparing children for success as adults; and

WHEREAS, families come in all shapes and sizes, and families make great efforts in supporting kids and youth by establishing lasting connections, providing security and stability, and contributing to their healthy growth into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, currently there are nearly 8,000 Wisconsin kids and youth in foster care, with continuing demand for more foster families to offer protection and support during difficult periods of people’s lives; and

WHEREAS, all of Wisconsin’s citizens and communities have a responsibility to support the best care possible for kids and youth when they cannot remain in their own homes; and

WHEREAS, there are thousands of individuals in public, private, and tribal agencies working together to support Wisconsin’s kids, youth, and families and the needs of those in foster care; and

WHEREAS, all those involved with foster care deserve recognition this month, and throughout the year, for their loyal and steadfast devotion to the safety, permanence, and well-being of Wisconsin’s kids and youth;

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

FOSTER CARE MONTH

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of 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 29th day of April 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State