WHEREAS: chronic, unremitting stress in childhood can be toxic to a kid’s developing brain, resulting in poor physical and mental health outcomes; and

WHEREAS: toxic stress can be caused by numerous events and factors in a kid’s life, such as repeated abuse and neglect, socioeconomic hardship, neighborhood violence, incarcerated parent, or living with a parent or caregiver with a mental health illness or substance abuse issue; and

WHEREAS: Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) can help mitigate the long-term impact of these stressful childhood events by applying the TIC values of safety, trustworthiness, choice, and coordinated services to all environments where kids reside; and

WHEREAS: it is critical for Wisconsin organizations, businesses, schools, and public agencies to be trauma-informed; and

WHEREAS: a trauma-informed Wisconsin enhances the ability of kids and adults to adapt, cope, and thrive despite challenging times; and

WHEREAS: Wisconsin is a national leader in TIC and has worked diligently to promote TIC and Trauma-Sensitive work across the state, in counties and tribes, schools, businesses, and child- and family-serving agencies;

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

TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE AWARENESS 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.

[Signature]
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

[Signature]
DOUGLAS LA FOLLITA
Secretary of State