

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identify nutrition during the first 1,000 days of life as a critical factor in early brain growth, development of the central nervous system, and lifelong health; and

*WHEREAS*; in 2019, the Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition published a field-leading consensus paper defining pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) as impaired oral intake that is not age-appropriate, and that is associated with medical, nutritional, feeding skill, and/or psychosocial dysfunction; and

*WHEREAS*; conservative estimates suggest that more than one in 37 children under the age of five are affected by PFD, and for kids with chronic diseases, the number is between one in three and one in five; and

*WHEREAS*; every bite of food for kids experiencing PFD can be painful, scary, or simply impossible to swallow, potentially impeding nutrition, development, growth, and overall well-being; and

*WHEREAS*; families navigating PFD often feel isolated and overwhelmed and struggle to overcome the medical, emotional, financial, educational, and social issues related to the disorder; and

*WHEREAS*; all Wisconsinites are encouraged to learn more about PFD and support efforts to improve the system of care through advocacy, education, support, and research; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins kids and families living with PFD across the state in raising awareness of the disorder and working towards a world in which affected families are properly supported and kids with PFD can thrive;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 2023 as

## PEDIATRIC FEEDING DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
April 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Evers".  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Godlewski".  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State