

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; the state of Wisconsin acknowledges the many physical and mental health benefits of breastfeeding for babies and their parents and promotes inclusive support for every family, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, education level, socioeconomic status, or any other factor that makes every family and community unique; and

*WHEREAS*; while data shows that Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) families have high breastfeeding initiation rates, aggregated data from these communities masks diversity and disparities in rates of breastfeeding duration and exclusivity; and

*WHEREAS*; there is a lack of understanding and awareness surrounding the experiences of AANHPI families who choose to breastfeed, and as a result, critical resources may not be directed to vulnerable AANHPI communities; and

*WHEREAS*; while August is National Breastfeeding Month, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Breastfeeding Week is dedicated to celebrating the diverse experiences of AANHPI families and supporting their efforts to reclaim their breastfeeding traditions; and

*WHEREAS*; this week, the state of Wisconsin applauds the community-based organizations across the state that are committed to the important work of promoting diversity in the lactation field and changing systems and structures to better support families and joins them, along with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, in celebrating breastfeeding, promoting awareness of its benefits, and ensuring equitable access and opportunity for all families, now and in the future;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim August 15 – 21, 2023, as

## ASIAN AMERICAN NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER BREASTFEEDING WEEK

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



By the Governor:

A blue ink signature of Sarah Godlewski, written in a cursive style.  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State

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 21st day  
of July 2023.

A blue ink signature of Tony Evers, written in a cursive style.  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR