WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is preventable when caregivers, families, communities and
government agencies work together to create safe, stable and nurturing environments for all children; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment can lead to a broad range of short- and long-term physical and
emotional health problems; and

WHEREAS, research demonstrates that building family protective factors – Social and Emotional
Competence of Children, Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development, Social Connections, Parental
Resilience and Concrete Supports in Times of Need – promotes the optimal development of children and
reduces the likelihood of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment can be reduced by ensuring families are supported in building
protective factors through strengths-based policies, programming and public awareness; and

WHEREAS, we can make a difference in the lives of all Wisconsin children by working together to
strengthen families and the communities in which they live;

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

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION 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 March 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State