



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Wisconsin was founded in 1984 with a mission of granting wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich their human experience with hope, strength and joy; and

WHEREAS, during the past 25 years, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Wisconsin has granted more than 3,500 wishes to children from the ages of 2½ to 18, turning their dreams into reality regardless of race, religion, ethnic background or family income; and

WHEREAS, these wishes also represent thousands of parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, classmates and friends who are also touched, impacted, strengthened, nurtured and given hope by the power of a wish come true; and

WHEREAS, wishes have included trips to Walt Disney World®, Hawaii, the Wisconsin Dells, Australia and New York City, as well as shopping sprees, computers, puppies, horses, electronics and meeting heroes or idols and even going to college; and

WHEREAS, the cost of granting all these wishes is paid for entirely by the generosity of charitable donors who believe in the "power of a wish" and recognize the strength and commitment of the Foundation which spends 81 cents of every dollar donated directly to the cost of granting a wish; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation is blessed to have the support of more than 500 volunteers statewide who generously give of their time and talents to work with the staff from the chapter's headquarters in Butler and field office in Appleton to help enrich the lives of Wish children; and

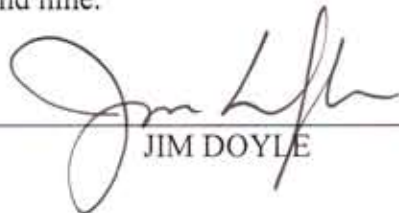
WHEREAS, a record number of 276 wishes were granted in 2008 and more than 200 children throughout Wisconsin currently are in the process of having their wish granted in 2009; and

WHEREAS, 2009 marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby commend the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Wisconsin for its truly remarkable work in helping so many special children realize their dreams by granting life changing wishes during the most challenging times of their lives. I call upon the citizens of Wisconsin to join me in congratulating the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Wisconsin as it celebrates its 25th Anniversary and extend best wishes to the Foundation for continued success as it pursues its goal of helping these children realize the "power of a wish".



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Privy Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty sixth day of May in the year two thousand nine.


JIM DOYLE