



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the period of early adolescence (10- to 15-year olds) is a distinct, developmental period between childhood and full adolescence; and

**WHEREAS**, this period has been little understood nor its importance recognized; and

**WHEREAS**, youth between the ages of approximately 10- to 15 years undergo more extensive physical, mental, social, moral, and emotional changes, with the possible exception of infancy, than at any other time of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the attitudes and values young adolescents develop during these formative years largely determine their later behavior; and

**WHEREAS**, parents continue as primary models and guides, even as young adolescents give increased attention to peer groups; and

**WHEREAS**, the community itself is also a "classroom" in which young adolescents learn many lessons; and

**WHEREAS**, much valuable information and research about this important age group now exists and should be circulated;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October

**MONTH OF THE YOUNG ADOLESCENT**

in the State of Wisconsin, commend this observance to all citizens and encourage all citizens to extend their knowledge about these critical years and undertake actions that will support the healthy development of young adolescents.

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 eleventh day of September in the year two thousand three.

  
JIM DOYLE

