

WHEREAS; observed during the first full week of March, National Foreign Language Week provides an opportunity for all Americans and Wisconsinites to celebrate and recognize the importance of studying and learning foreign languages; and

WHEREAS; according to the United States Census Bureau, nearly 68 million people in the United States report speaking a language other than English at home, and an estimated 350 different languages are spoken across the nation, highlighting the need for greater representation and foreign language education; and

WHEREAS; cross-cultural skills and literacy play a crucial role in the education and development of Wisconsin's students, and the study of languages can empower Wisconsinites to share and exchange ideas across different cultures and transcend both geographical and language barriers; and

WHEREAS; research also suggests that individuals benefit from exposure to multiple languages at an early age, helping to open the mind to other languages and types of learning, and the active use of two or more languages can help protect from cognitive decline later in life; and

WHEREAS; by learning a foreign language, Wisconsinites are able to better connect with communities, workforces, economies, and cultures across the globe, protect and enhance their health and learning capabilities, and expand their personal and professional experiences as students, educators, leaders, entrepreneurs, and beyond; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin is proud to join dedicated advocates, educators, and organizations in encouraging all Wisconsinites to explore foreign language education opportunities in their community and in promoting lifelong learning to foster a more inclusive and engaged society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 2 through 8 2025 as

NATIONAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

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 3rd day of March 2025.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State