

WHEREAS; small business development centers (SBDCs) are organizations dedicated to providing counseling and training to small businesses to help them succeed and expand; and

WHEREAS; in 2024 alone, the Wisconsin SBDC Network served more than 5,300 clients, resulting in over \$117 million in capital investment, approximately 300 new businesses created, and supported nearly 19,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS; SBDCs have a tremendous impact on the success of dreamers, innovators, and doers across the country and help emphasize the important role small businesses play in the economic and cultural livelihood of the state and nation; and

WHEREAS; each year, SBDC Day brings together the country's nearly 1,000 SBDCs and the hundreds of thousands of clients they serve, providing an opportunity for small business owners, counselors, and other vested individuals in Wisconsin and nationwide to share their experiences and success stories; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins small business owners in celebrating the critical work of SBDCs and reaffirms its commitment to the shared goals of bolstering and supporting small businesses across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 18 2026 as

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER DAY

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 5th day of March 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State