

WHEREAS; welding, which is the process of joining of two or more materials together by causing their surfaces to melt and fuse together as they cool, has a long history that can be dated back to the Bronze Age, but over the years, the process of welding has grown to become an essential building trades skill and has adapted to use a variety of sophisticated methods and tools; and

WHEREAS; today, welding contributes greatly to state and national infrastructure, as it is used to build ships, automobiles, and planes, as well as help construct buildings, bridges, pipelines, power plants, nanotech, medical equipment, and so much more; and

WHEREAS; advancements in processes, equipment, and materials have made modern welding an increasingly high-skill process, and there remains a critical need for skilled, trained professionals in Wisconsin's welder workforce; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to a strong manufacturing and maritime history, which relies on the work of highly trained and skilled welders, and while there are currently thousands of licensed welders across the state, the American Welding Society estimates that over 320,000 new welding professionals will be needed in the United States by 2029; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin recognizes the critical role of welding professionals and the invaluable contributions they make on behalf of the state and nation's infrastructure;

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

NATIONAL WELDING MONTH

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 1st day of April 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State