

WHEREAS; National Apprenticeship Week is celebrated in Wisconsin and throughout the United States to raise awareness of the vital role that apprenticeships play in creating pathways to high-paying jobs and career advancement for individuals who are invested in their learning and career development; and

WHEREAS; in Wisconsin, the state has been hard at work to address generational workforce challenges and ensure the workforce can meet the needs of the 21st Century, including by supporting apprenticeship training and registered apprenticeship programs, which enable employers to recruit, develop, and train their future workforce while offering career seekers the opportunity to earn while they learn; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin passed the nation's first regulated apprenticeship law in 1911, and the state's apprenticeship program remains one of the most robust in the United States to this day, offering more than 200 registered apprenticeship occupations with over 3,000 participating employers, in addition to a thriving youth apprenticeship program; and

WHEREAS; in recent years, Wisconsin has celebrated back-to-back years of record-breaking enrollment in both the state's Registered and Youth Apprenticeship programs, underscoring the impact these programs have in allowing workers to gain the skills, connections, and hands-on experience needed to succeed and build successful careers right here in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; the Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards within the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development's (DWD) Division of Employment and Training works in collaboration with many partners—including the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Wisconsin Apprenticeship Advisory Council, the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship, and representatives from labor, management, and business entities—to support and expand apprenticeship programs in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions encourages Wisconsinites to save for their education and career training with one of Wisconsin's 529 college savings plans—Edvest 529 or Tomorrow's Scholar—to pay for qualified expenses associated with apprenticeship programs registered with the Secretary of Labor's National Apprenticeship Act and state apprenticeship agencies; and

WHEREAS; while traditional construction trades apprenticeships continue to be strong, emerging employment sectors and occupations are building the depth of offerings and growing apprenticeship opportunities in Wisconsin, and as more employers from a growing list of industry sectors are turning to apprenticeships, the program remains a successful way to recruit, train, and retain talented workers; and

WHEREAS; the apprenticeship community in Wisconsin is committed to fostering innovation in apprenticeship by expanding career pathways into new sectors, building bridges from youth apprenticeships to registered apprenticeships, and offering apprenticeship opportunities that are inclusive of all qualified individuals; and

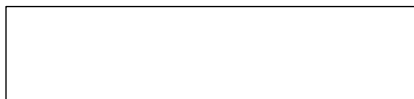
WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin commends apprentices across the state who are earning their livelihoods while learning the skills necessary to maintain quality, family-supporting employment, and joins DWD, along with state and federal partners, in working to support a strong talent pipeline of skilled workers for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 26 through May 2 2026 as

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP 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 13th day of April 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State