

WHEREAS; fabrication laboratories—or fab labs—in public schools throughout Wisconsin provide students with access to the hands-on experience and training necessary to prepare them for the jobs of the 21st Century and beyond; and

WHEREAS; fab labs allow students to put into practice concepts they have learned in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics courses, which will benefit them regardless of the path they choose after high school; and

WHEREAS; fab labs connect students with employers and business leaders across the state to prepare them for careers in industry and beyond; and

WHEREAS; in addition to benefitting students, Wisconsin’s fab labs are accessible to the community and contribute more broadly to economic development by sparking innovation among local entrepreneurs, inventors, and small businesses; and

WHEREAS; the importance of a capable manufacturing workforce to the collective well-being and future of the state has never been more evident, and as the state focuses on addressing its workforce needs, it remains committed to building fab lab capacity to meet the demands of schools and communities; and

WHEREAS; administered by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), Wisconsin’s Fab Labs Grant Program provides grants to public school districts statewide to purchase equipment to create new labs or expand existing ones; and

WHEREAS; WEDC has awarded more than 210 grants to 125 school districts across the state since 2016, providing students extraordinary learning opportunities, and this year, will award 18 grants to spark the creativity and ingenuity of Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; today, in partnership with WEDC, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to supporting fab labs by fostering collaboration and a sharing of resources among schools, technical colleges, and universities throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 30 2024 as

## **FAB LAB 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 12th day of April 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State