

WHEREAS; National Apprenticeship Day is celebrated in Wisconsin and across the United States to celebrate the vast opportunities and experiences gained through apprenticeships and raise awareness of the vital role of apprenticeships in creating pathways to high-paying jobs and career advancement for individuals who are invested in their learning and career development; and

WHEREAS; vital to the maintenance and growth of Wisconsin’s workforce, apprenticeship programs 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 to this day, the state’s apprenticeship program remains one of the most robust in the United States with recent record-breaking participation in both the state’s registered and youth apprenticeship programs; and

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

WHEREAS; the apprenticeship community in Wisconsin creates apprenticeship opportunities for qualified individuals through a cohesive system that includes Certified Pre-Apprenticeships, Youth Apprenticeships, and Registered Apprenticeships; 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; today, the state of Wisconsin commends apprentices across the state who are earning their livelihoods while developing the skills necessary to maintain quality, family-supporting employment and joins DWD and its state and federal partners in working to support a strong pipeline of skilled workers for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 30 2025 as

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP 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 21st day of April 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State