

WHEREAS; fabrication laboratories—or fab labs—provide Wisconsin’s students with access to hands-on learning, including through the use of 3D printers, laser engravers, and computer-controlled equipment similar to today’s advanced manufacturing tools; and

WHEREAS; fab labs enable students to gain valuable experience in advanced technology equipment, problem-solving, and, more importantly, acquire the skills necessary for a 21st-century career; and

WHEREAS; fab labs allow students to put into practice concepts they have learned in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) courses, which will benefit them in any path they might choose; and

WHEREAS; fab labs benefit not only students but are accessible to the community and contribute more broadly to economic development by sparking innovation among local entrepreneurs, innovators, and small businesses; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin remains a national leader in manufacturing, and ensuring the state’s future workforce has the latest, most advanced skills is paramount to moving the state’s economy forward; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin is committed to the fab lab initiative and strives to build fab lab capacity by fostering collaboration among schools, technical colleges, and universities; and

WHEREAS; the state has demonstrated its commitment to fab labs by providing grants to public school districts statewide to purchase equipment to create new labs or expand existing ones, primarily through the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC);

WHEREAS; since 2016, WEDC has awarded more than \$5.5 million to 133 school districts across the state, providing students with extraordinary learning opportunities, and this year, WEDC will award 20 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 across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 1 2025 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 25th day of April 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State