

WHEREAS; Youth Apprenticeship Week is observed to raise awareness of the pivotal role that apprenticeships play in providing valuable work experience, job opportunities, and pathways to careers for young Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; the advancement and well-being of Wisconsin depends upon its ability to expand opportunities in its workforce that are inclusive of young workers, especially those who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality in their chosen fields; and

WHEREAS; the Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards in the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Division (DWD) of Employment and Training collaborates with many partners, including the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, and other state agencies, as well as local consortia such as school districts, chambers of commerce, Cooperative Educational Service Agencies, employers, and other stakeholders to support and expand youth apprenticeships in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; apprenticeships allow young people to earn while they learn and advance into high-quality jobs and family-supporting careers, and the Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship Program, launched in 1991, has become a key strategy for employers to build their workforce pipelines; and WHEREAS; 2024 was declared the Year of the Worker in Wisconsin, and the state recognizes the important role youth apprenticeships play in recruiting, training, and retaining the best and brightest workers in the state and remains committed to fostering innovation in apprenticeship by exploring new industries, building bridges from youth apprenticeships to registered apprenticeships, and offering apprenticeship opportunities that are inclusive of all qualified individuals;

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to providing opportunities to the future workforce in all industry sectors and joins DWD and its 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 May 5 through 11 2024 as

## **YOUTH 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 22nd day of May 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State