

WHEREAS; what is best for kids is what is best for the state, and ensuring that every kid in Wisconsin has access to a high-quality public education, regardless of their ZIP code or socioeconomic status, is a top priority for the state; and

WHEREAS; garden-based education is a hands-on learning opportunity that provides kids with the chance to see how food grows and develop an appreciation for eating fresh fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is a leader in garden-based education, which has emerged as an innovative means of providing students of all ages with nutrition education and outdoor opportunities while improving their overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS; school and youth gardens promote Wisconsin traditions, such as land stewardship, outdoor recreation, and agriculture by providing places for students to explore and learn through experiences and activities that connect with educational standards; and

WHEREAS; gardens are places for schools to connect with the broader community and promote intergenerational and cross-cultural learning through the sharing of experiences, stories, food, and agricultural traditions; and

WHEREAS; today, and throughout 2026 the Year of the Neighbor, the state of Wisconsin honors and celebrates educators, students, families, community leaders, and all people who are committed to coming together and making garden-based education a reality and an asset in schools and communities across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 21 2026 as

WISCONSIN SCHOOL GARDEN 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 8th day of May 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State