

WHEREAS; Project SEARCH is a public-private partnership administered by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development’s (DWD) Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) that offers young adults with disabilities the opportunity to develop marketable, transferable skills to bolster their independence while helping to meet Wisconsin’s workforce needs; and

WHEREAS; Project SEARCH is a nine-to-12-month program that equips participants with critical skills and connects them to Wisconsin’s business community and available opportunities through internships that maximize exposure to a variety of career paths; and

WHEREAS; Project SEARCH is a powerful example of how partnership and collaboration between the DVR, local school districts, businesses, nonprofit organizations, care organizations, and others can create meaningful opportunities resulting in positive employment outcomes for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS; during the 2025-26 academic year, 26 business sites across the state supported nearly 200 interns through Project SEARCH, contributing to a total of more than 2,100 program graduates since Wisconsin began participating in the program in 2008; and

WHEREAS; May marks the conclusion of the Project SEARCH program year at most local sites, where graduation ceremonies will celebrate the accomplishments, growth, and dedication of the interns as they take their next steps toward successful employment; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins the DWD in congratulating all Project SEARCH interns on a successful year and encourages Wisconsin businesses to partner with the DVR and support the employment of individuals of all abilities to help recruit, train, and retain a high-quality workforce across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 25 through 29 2026 as

PROJECT SEARCH 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 8th day of May 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State