

WHEREAS; for more than 150 years, Wisconsin’s private, nonprofit colleges and universities have provided quality higher education to Wisconsin students; and

WHEREAS; these institutions have been organized as the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) for over 60 years; and

WHEREAS; more than 50,000 Wisconsin students are enrolled in a private, nonprofit college or university, and these institutions award almost one-quarter of the state’s bachelor’s degrees and more than 30 percent of the state’s graduate degrees each year; and

WHEREAS; private colleges in Wisconsin work to boast smaller class sizes, increased hands-on-experiences, and widespread affordability, all facilitating the educational advancement and success of all students statewide; and

WHEREAS; alongside Wisconsin’s public institutions, private, nonprofit colleges and universities play an important role in the state’s economy and foster the success of future leaders by emphasizing creativity, critical thinking, and a broad interdisciplinary approach to education; and

WHEREAS; private, nonprofit colleges and universities are committed to ensuring affordability for students of all social and economic backgrounds, and as members of WAICU and the “WAICU Collaboration Project,” they are leaders in controlling college costs to expand educational opportunity; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the WAICU and private, nonprofit colleges across the state in encouraging prospective students and their families to learn about the higher education opportunities provided by private, nonprofit colleges and universities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim July 10 through 15 2023 as

WISCONSIN PRIVATE COLLEGE 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 30th day of June 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State