

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has long been a leader in workforce programming, including registered apprenticeships, youth apprenticeships, and worker training grants and is home to the nation’s first registered apprenticeship, worker’s compensation, and unemployment insurance programs; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is experiencing one of the strongest economic periods in state history, evidenced by the state’s record-low unemployment of 2.4 percent in May, and in June, record-high labor force participation and a record for total nonfarm jobs; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin also achieved record-breaking participation in youth and registered apprenticeships with more than 15,900 active registered apprentices and 8,300 high school juniors and seniors participating in youth apprenticeships during the 2022-2023 school year; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin’s workforce and economic successes are driven by the spirit of collaboration between educational institutions, state and local workforce agencies, labor unions, and diverse employers statewide; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) operates job centers at 42 locations—as well as Wisconsin’s online labor exchange, Job Center of Wisconsin—staffed with talented employment and training specialists who are knowledgeable on local employer demands and ready to assist individuals with securing employment, transitioning into new employment, and advancing their careers; and

WHEREAS; comprehensive job services play an essential role in increasing workforce participation through innovative programs that support all Wisconsin workers, including veterans, workers with disabilities, young workers, and justice-involved individuals, to ensure a robust pipeline of talent for in-demand industries; and

WHEREAS; continued investment in Wisconsin’s workforce, including through successful workforce development initiatives like the Workforce Innovation Grant Program will drive innovation and contribute to the strength of the economy for years to come, and access to resources that support working families, including child care, transportation, health care, and so much more, remains key to advancing equity and effectiveness in the workforce; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to remaining responsive, inclusive, and adaptable and to advancing policies that call for fair and equitable workforce practices, promote family-sustaining employment, and advocate for the protection and economic advancement of all Wisconsin’s workers, employers, and job seekers to build an economy that works for all Wisconsinites;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 2023 as

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH

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 18th day of August 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State