

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; first celebrated on September 5, 1882, in New York City, Labor Day was created to recognize the achievements, contributions, and significance of the American workforce; and

WHEREAS; in 1884, the first Monday in September was selected for the annual observance, and in 1894, the United States Congress formally established Labor Day as a legal holiday, initiating a tradition of paid time off for many American workers; and

WHEREAS; throughout the nation's history, workers and labor unions have contributed to vastly improved standards of work and living, the tremendous productivity of the American economy, and the expansion of political democracy seen across the country; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has a long tradition of being at the forefront of workers' rights activism, and many of the rights and conventions that are often taken for granted now—such as the eight-hour workday, worker's compensation, and unemployment insurance—are owed to early labor activists, and current challenges that persist across the state and country, like gender and racial pay gaps, offer a sobering reminder of the greater progress that must be made to achieve equal rights and fair wages for all workers; and

WHEREAS; Labor Day presents all Wisconsinites with the opportunity to celebrate and honor the resilience and dedication of workers and working families across the state and country and to reflect on the contributions of the labor movement—past and present—and the benefits of strong labor unions; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that workers are treated with respect and dignity, paid fairly, and receive recognition for their important work, and commends all workers and working families for their numerous contributions to the state's cultural and economic livelihood;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 1, 2025, as

LABOR 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 18th day
of August 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Evers".
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Godlewski".
SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State

