WHEREAS; encompassing a wide range of topics and disciplines, the arts encourage collaborative, intergenerational, and multicultural learning and enable individual expression through a variety of different media; and

WHEREAS; arts education empowers students to develop their critical thinking, form problem-solving skills, grow their imagination and creativity, practice discipline, and discover alternative ways to communicate and express ideas, which supports academic success and personal growth both inside and outside of the classroom; and

WHEREAS; according to data from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Wisconsin arts and culture sector contributed $12.4 billion to the state's economy in 2023 and provided more than 95,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS; schools, communities, and arts education nonprofit organizations deliver high-quality learning opportunities to help Wisconsin's kids succeed, and those programs are in need of continued support and investment; and

WHEREAS; by making art and arts education accessible, Wisconsin aims to enrich cultural experiences, foster creativity, and fuel economic prosperity across the state; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the thousands of organizations and individuals across the state dedicated to supporting the arts in education, promoting thoughtful engagement with history, culture, and ideas, and encouraging all Wisconsinites to find their own creative voice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 13 through 19 2026 as

WISCONSIN ARTS IN EDUCATION 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 4th day of September 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State