

WHEREAS; kids are one of Wisconsin’s greatest resources, and those with intellectual, academic, creative, leadership, and artistic gifts and talents have unique needs to fully develop their extraordinary skills and capabilities; and

WHEREAS; giftedness comes in a variety of domains and can be found in learners of all ages, abilities, ethnicities, gender identities, and income levels, however, according to the National Center for Research on Gifted Education, students of color, students from low-income families, and students from rural communities are less likely to be identified or acknowledged as gifted in schools; and

WHEREAS; underachievement in school may be caused by numerous factors, underscoring the essential role that informed counselors, teachers, and parents play in helping kids navigate and overcome the social, emotional, and psychological challenges involved in growing up; and

WHEREAS; all children deserve equal access to fair and unbiased identification strategies and resources regardless of identity or background, and the state remains committed to eliminating barriers to resources that help gifted learners reach their highest potential; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin recognizes that it is through the dedicated and collaborative efforts of state agencies and programs such as the Gifted and Talented Student Education Grant, school district staff, families, organizations, community members, educators, and students that the state can implement practices that help close gaps, promote greater equity in identifying and nurturing the talents and gifts of learners, and build an education system that works for everyone;

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

GIFTED EDUCATION 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 25th day of September 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State