STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; technology facilitates economic development, the exchange of information, and solutions to some of the most pressing issues facing the world today; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is committed to creating an innovative, equitable, and inclusive technology ecosystem and is ready to pursue and advance solutions that will ensure all Wisconsinites benefit from a dynamic, growing economy with the adoption of new, transformative technology; and

WHEREAS; in 2023, the state launched the Governor's Task Force on Workforce and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to identify best practices for the implementation and utilization of AI technologies and the potential impacts of AI across industries, occupations, and skillsets with an eye toward greater equity and economic opportunity so all workers, employers, and job seekers in Wisconsin have the opportunity to benefit from this evolving technology; and

WHEREAS; in 2024, Wisconsin was designated as a U.S. Regional Technology and Innovation Hub by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, which will help grow the state's personalized medicine and biohealth sector, advance research and innovation, grow Wisconsin's economy, create jobs, and boost American competitiveness in cutting-edge industries; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to investing in education and technical training at every level, developing a strong workforce, tailoring programming to the needs of employers and prospective employees, and putting forward solutions to train and upskill Wisconsinites to fill family-sustaining jobs across the state, including in the ever-growing, ever-important technology industry; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins companies and organizations across the technology sector in recognizing the state's role in advancing innovative technology solutions and in celebrating the strength and potential of Wisconsin's technology sector;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as

WISCONSIN TECH 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 4th day of October 2024.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

by the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI Secretary of State