

WHEREAS; the University of Wisconsin (UW) System was created with the merger of two public university systems under legislation that went into effect on October 12, 1971; and

WHEREAS; with 13 universities and a statewide extension network with offices in every county, the Universities of Wisconsin are a tremendous academic, cultural, and economic resource for Wisconsin, the nation, and the world, educating approximately 161,000 students each year and employing about 35,000 faculty and staff statewide; and

WHEREAS; the Universities of Wisconsin award nearly 37,000 degrees and create more than \$24 billion in economic impact annually, providing a 23:1 return on state investment; and

WHEREAS; the Universities of Wisconsin are Wisconsin’s talent pipeline, putting graduates in position to increase their earning power, contribute to their communities, and make Wisconsin a better place to live; and

WHEREAS; the Universities of Wisconsin contribute to the richness of Wisconsin’s culture and economy with groundbreaking research, new companies and patents, and boundless creative intellectual energy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 8 through 14 2023 as

UNIVERSITIES OF WISCONSIN 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 9th day of October 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State