WHEREAS; children are one of the state's greatest resources for the future, and those with intellectual, academic, creative, leadership, and artistic gifts and talents have unique needs that should be recognized and supported; and

WHEREAS; just as giftedness comes in a variety of domains, it can be found in learners of all ages, ethnicities, gender identities, and income levels, yet research shows that both students of color and students living in poverty are substantially less likely to be identified or acknowledged as gifted in schools; and

WHEREAS; underachievement in school may be caused by numerous factors, even for some of the brightest students, underscoring the role that informed counselors, teachers, and parents play in helping children 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 for gifted learners and their families, and to enabling all learners to reach their highest potential through well-funded special education programs throughout Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin recognizes that it is through the dedicated and collaborative efforts of state agencies and programs, school district staff, families, organizations, community members, educators, and students that practices can be implemented that help to close the opportunity gap for marginalized students, 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 November 2026 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 29th day of October 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State