

WHEREAS; Hire a Veteran Week highlights the importance of recruiting, hiring, and retaining veterans in the workforce; and

WHEREAS; equipped from their service in the United States Armed Forces, veterans bring unique experiences and expertise to the workplace and possess leadership skills, professionalism, discipline, and specialized knowledge; and

WHEREAS; veterans often face challenges when returning to civilian life, and investments are needed to support and uplift veterans and their families through expanded access to housing, higher education, job training, and mental and behavioral health support; and

WHEREAS; according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), there are more than 18 million veterans nationwide, including more than 350,000 living in Wisconsin, representing more than five percent of Wisconsin’s population; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) has long maintained its commitment to helping veterans succeed in their civilian lives by offering vital assistance to them and their families in the form of vocational and rehabilitation programming, services, and grants; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin has also been proud to support and advance efforts to promote veteran employment opportunities through services provided by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD), such as the Vets Ready Employer Initiative, which seeks to encourage employers to build a support system within their workplace, hire and retain more veterans, and connect to veterans in the community and their families, and the Hire Heroes Program, which provides services to veterans with high barriers to employment and reimburses employers for certain costs when hiring veteran employees, among other efforts; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins WDVA, DWD, the VA, community organizations, and businesses across the state in recognizing the importance of veterans to Wisconsin’s workforce and in encouraging employers and leaders across the state to support the employment of Wisconsin’s veterans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim November 5 through 11 2023 as

HIRE A VETERAN 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 30th day of October 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State