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; 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 with one of the strongest collections of state benefits in the nation, and advocating for veterans by connecting them to all benefits and services they have earned through service; 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 hire and retain more veterans, build a support system within their workplace, and connect to veterans and their families in the community, and the Hire Heroes Transitional Jobs Program, which provides services to veterans with high barriers to employment and reimburses employers for certain costs when hiring veteran employees; 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 in Wisconsin's workforce and encourages 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 8 through 14 2026 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 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State