

WHEREAS; National Apprenticeship Week is celebrated in Wisconsin and throughout the United States to raise awareness of the vital role that apprenticeships play in creating pathways to high-paying jobs and career advancement for individuals who are invested in their learning and career development; and

WHEREAS; apprenticeship training and registered apprenticeship programs enable employers to recruit, develop, and train their future workforce while offering career seekers the opportunity to earn while they learn; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin passed the nation's first regulated apprenticeship law in 1911, and the state's apprenticeship program remains one of the most robust in the United States to this day, with recent record-breaking participation in both the state's registered and youth apprenticeship programs; and

WHEREAS; the Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards within the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development's (DWD) Division of Employment and Training works in collaboration with many partners—including the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Wisconsin Apprenticeship Advisory Council, the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship, and representatives from labor, management, and business entities—to support and expand apprenticeship programs in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions encourages Wisconsinites to save for their education and career training with one of Wisconsin's 529 college savings plans—Edvest 529 or Tomorrow's Scholar—to pay for qualified expenses associated with apprenticeship programs registered with the Secretary of Labor's National Apprenticeship Act and state apprenticeship agencies; and

WHEREAS; the apprenticeship community in Wisconsin is committed to fostering innovation in apprenticeship by exploring new industries, building bridges from youth apprenticeships to registered apprenticeships, and offering apprenticeship opportunities that are inclusive of all qualified individuals, including members of historically underserved populations; and

WHEREAS; during the 10th anniversary of National Apprenticeship Week, the state of Wisconsin commends apprentices across the state who are earning their livelihoods while learning the skills necessary to maintain quality, family-supporting employment and joins DWD and its state and federal partners in working to support a strong talent pipeline of skilled workers for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim November 17 through 23 2024 as

## **NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP 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 25th day of October 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State