

WHEREAS; more than 15,000 school bus drivers in the state of Wisconsin travel over 82 million miles a year to safely transport more than 600,000 students to and from school every day; and

WHEREAS; these drivers, managers, and operators of school buses practice and promote the highest standards to assure the protection of their passengers, which has included adapting to new protocols and considerations to address COVID-19 over the past nearly two years; and

WHEREAS; we also understand that the COVID-19 pandemic has put a significant strain on the workload of our state's school bus drivers, managers, and operators, as it has intensified the long-existing industry labor shortage and placed continued stress on workers who are doing their best to provide for the communities and students they serve; and

WHEREAS; throughout these challenging and uncertain times, Wisconsin's school bus drivers have provided a sense of comfort, security, and consistency when our kids and communities have needed it the most; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that the Wisconsin School Bus Association, through its board of directors, pledges its full and dedicated cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles, and Division of State Patrol, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, and schools, law enforcement agencies, parent teacher associations, and other organizations throughout our state to promote public awareness of the importance of school bus transportation and safety; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the school bus drivers, managers, and operators across our state for the critically important work they do to ensure Wisconsin's students have a safe and reliable way to get to and from school every day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 14 through 18, 2022, as

WISCONSIN SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION 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 14th day of January 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State