

WHEREAS; fabrication laboratories (fab labs) in public schools throughout Wisconsin are providing students with access to the hands-on experience and training necessary to prepare them for the jobs of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS; fab labs allow students to put into practice concepts they have learned in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) courses, which will benefit them regardless of the career path they choose after high school; and

WHEREAS; in addition to benefitting students, Wisconsin's fab labs are accessible to the community and contribute more broadly to economic development by sparking innovation among local entrepreneurs, inventors, and small businesses; and

WHEREAS; the importance of a capable manufacturing workforce to our collective well-being has never been more evident, as we navigate the technical and economic challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS; our state is committed to continuing to build fab lab capacity to meet demand from schools as the state focuses on workforce needs; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's Fab Labs Program is fostering collaboration and a sharing of resources among schools, technical colleges, and universities throughout our state; and

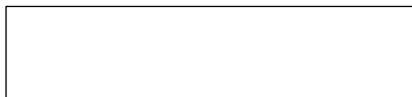
WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin, in partnership with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, has demonstrated its commitment to fab labs by providing grants to public school districts statewide to purchase equipment to create new labs or expand existing ones;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 1, 2020, as

FAB LAB DAY

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 27th day of April 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State