

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> day  
of April 2020.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State