WHEREAS; administered by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development’s Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), the Project SEARCH program is a business-led collaboration that enables young adults with disabilities in Wisconsin to gain and maintain employment through training and career exploration; and

WHEREAS; Project SEARCH is a nine to 12 month program that teaches critical skills and fosters a deeper understanding of Wisconsin’s business community and available opportunities through rotations in workplace internships; and

WHEREAS; this program represents a shining example of how collaboration between government, local school districts, businesses, nonprofit organizations, local care organizations, and others can make a tangible difference in peoples’ lives; and

WHEREAS; 25 local business sites supported over 180 interns across Wisconsin through Project SEARCH during the 2021 – 2022 academic year; and

WHEREAS; May and June mark the end of the Project SEARCH year for many of the local sites that will host graduation ceremonies to celebrate the hard work and dedication of their interns and launch them into successful, competitive, and integrated employment; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin congratulates all Project SEARCH interns on a successful year and encourages Wisconsin businesses to hire the more than 15,000 individuals who have been trained through DVR programs and are ready to work;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 30 – June 5, 2022, as PROJECT SEARCH 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 26th day of May 2022.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State