

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes the vital role that vocational rehabilitation plays in developing the skills, abilities, and talents of Wisconsinites with disabilities within our workforce system, and the integral role that these workers play in advancing our state's economy; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is committed to working with federal, state, and community partners to maximize opportunities for folks with disabilities who want to work; and

WHEREAS; over the last ten federal fiscal years, Wisconsin's vocational rehabilitation program has helped nearly 40,000 Wisconsinites with disabilities reach their employment goals through targeted services tailored to the individual needs and objectives of each consumer; and

WHEREAS; our state continually seeks to implement innovative approaches to vocational rehabilitation, such as Wisconsin Project SEARCH, which has provided workforce training to nearly 1,200 individuals with disabilities since the program began during the 2008-2009 school year; and

WHEREAS; the Smith-Fess Act of 1920, also known as the National Civilian Vocational Rehabilitation Act, was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson on June 2, 1920; and

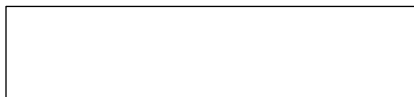
WHEREAS; today, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of civilian vocational rehabilitation in the United States and renew our commitment to encouraging the full workforce participation of every Wisconsinite;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 2, 2020, as

100 YEARS OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DAY

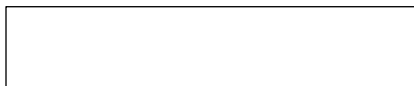
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 26th day of May 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State