

WHEREAS; from early childhood to our university and technical college systems, every Wisconsinite deserves the opportunity to access high quality, affordable public education, no matter their age, background, income status, or zip code; and

WHEREAS; the University of Wisconsin System boasts 26 campuses and extensions, and graduated 36,690 students in 2019, designating our state's public higher education system as one of the largest in the country; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin was the first state to establish a state-supported technical college system, known as the Wisconsin Technical College System, which now encompasses 49 campuses and graduated 28,983 students in 2019; and

WHEREAS; higher education informs innovation and self-actualization, equips individuals with the skills they need to realize their dreams, and helps to equalize resources in our communities; and

WHEREAS; ensuring access to affordable, high-quality education requires meaningful investments in higher education institutions across our state, supporting our educators, funding tuition freezes, and ensuring our facilities are safe and meet 21st century needs; and


WHEREAS; this National Higher Education Day, we reaffirm our commitment to prioritizing higher education in Wisconsin, to honor our students, our state's history of support for higher education, and the long-standing guiding philosophy of the Wisconsin Idea;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 6, 2020, as

## **NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State