

WHEREAS; for more than 150 years, Wisconsin's 23 private, nonprofit colleges and universities have provided quality higher education to Wisconsin students; and

WHEREAS; these institutions have been organized as the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) for over 60 years; and

WHEREAS; more than 53,000 Wisconsin students are enrolled in a private, nonprofit college or university, and these institutions award almost one quarter of our state's bachelor's degrees and 35 percent of our state's graduate degrees each year; and

WHEREAS; alongside Wisconsin's public institutions, our private, nonprofit colleges and universities play an important role in our state's economy and foster the success of our future leaders by emphasizing creativity, critical thinking, and a broad interdisciplinary approach to education; and

WHEREAS; our private, nonprofit colleges and universities are committed to ensuring affordability for students of all social and economic backgrounds, and as members of WAICU and the "WAICU Collaboration Project," they are leading the nation in controlling college costs to expand educational opportunity; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins Alverno College, Bellin College, Beloit College, Cardinal Stritch University, Carroll University, Carthage College, Concordia University Wisconsin, Edgewood College, Herzing University, Lakeland University, Lawrence University, Marian University, Marquette University, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, Milwaukee School of Engineering, Mount Mary University, Nashotah House, Northland College, Ripon College, St. Norbert College, Viterbo University, and Wisconsin Lutheran College in encouraging prospective students and their families to learn about the higher education opportunities provided by our private, nonprofit colleges and universities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim July 11 through 16 2022 as

WISCONSIN PRIVATE COLLEGE 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 17th day of June 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State