

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

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

WHEREAS; nearly 54,000 Wisconsin students are enrolled in a private, nonprofit college or university and, each year, these institutions award almost one quarter of our state’s college and university bachelor’s degrees and 35 percent of our state’s graduate degrees; 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 nonprofit colleges and universities are committed to ensuring affordability for students of all social and economic backgrounds, which is why 95 percent of undergraduate students receive some form of financial aid; and

WHEREAS; as members of WAICU, our private institutions are committed to the “WAICU Collaboration Project” and are leading the nation in controlling college costs to expand educational opportunity; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin encourages high school students across our state and their families to learn about the diverse opportunities for higher education provided by our state’s private, nonprofit colleges and universities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim July 12 – 17, 2021, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State