

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

WHEREAS; nearly 52,000 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 96 percent of undergraduate students receive some form of financial aid; and

WHEREAS; as members of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) committed to the "WAICU Collaboration Project," our private institutions are leading the nation in controlling college costs to expand educational opportunity; and


WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin encourages our high school students and their families to participate in virtual tours and other special online events to learn about the diverse opportunities for higher education provided by our private, nonprofit colleges and universities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim July 27 through August 1, 2020, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State