

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) are committed to advocating for the rights and benefits of all Wisconsinites with disabilities; and

WHEREAS; Achieving a Better Life Experience—or ABLE—accounts are tax-exempt savings accounts for folks with disabilities and their family members, and funds can be used for expenses related to living with a disability or disabilities, including education expenses, food, housing, transportation, and other expenses which can help improve health, independence, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS; contributing to an ABLE account encourages long-term financial strength and independence and allows qualified Wisconsinites with disabilities to save money while keeping their eligibility for federal public benefits, such as Supplemental Security Income benefits and Medicaid; and

WHEREAS; while our state does not currently offer its own ABLE account program, Wisconsinites with disabilities are free to enroll in any other state’s program and, in close partnership with DFI, the state of Wisconsin is working with other states to expand the number of people who benefit from ABLE programs by making ABLE-related tools and information readily available to all Wisconsinites with disabilities and their families; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins DFI in supporting the national effort to raise awareness of ABLE accounts, educating the public on how ABLE accounts can improve quality of life through increased financial stability and independence, and providing information and resources about the ease, use, and significance of ABLE accounts for Wisconsinites with disabilities and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim August 2021 as

“ABLE TO SAVE” MONTH

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 30th day of July 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State