

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has long been a leader in workforce programming, including Registered Apprenticeships, Youth Apprenticeships, worker training grants, and our nation's first Worker's Compensation and Unemployment Insurance programs; and

WHEREAS; our state's workforce and economic successes are driven by the spirit of collaboration between our educational institutions, state and local workforce agencies, labor unions, and diverse employers; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) operates numerous job centers, as well as our state's online labor exchange, JobCenterofWisconsin.com, which stand ready to assist individuals with transitioning into new employment or learning new skills to advance their careers; and

WHEREAS; these job centers are staffed with talented employment and training specialists who are in tune with local employer demands and provide one-on-one employment counseling; and

WHEREAS; the COVID-19 pandemic has changed how folks work, and we understand that many of these changes – including an increase in teleworking – are likely to persist in a post-COVID work environment; and

WHEREAS; responding to the COVID-19 pandemic has required innovation in how workforce services are delivered, which is why the DWD has begun providing more workforce services online, through mobile job centers, and in partnership with local community groups; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to remaining responsive, forward-looking, inclusive, and adaptable, and to advancing policies that call for fair and equitable workforce practices, promote family sustaining employment, and advocate for the protection and economic advancement of all our state's workers, employers, and job seekers to build an economy that works for all of us;

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

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT 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 3rd day of September 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State