

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; we recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has not only changed how people work, but also how workforce services are delivered, and we understand that many of these changes are likely to persist in a post-COVID work environment; and

WHEREAS; with the continued involvement and support of Wisconsin's 11 local workforce development boards, the Wisconsin Workforce Development Association's Talent Development Council is continuously improving the quality of our state's workforce by collaborating with industry trade associations and employers to shape ideas, share best practices, and implement effective strategies; and

WHEREAS; continued investment in our state's workforce, including through our \$130 million investment in post-pandemic workforce solutions announced in June 2021, will drive innovation and prepare workers and employers to help Wisconsin's economy bounce back stronger than ever; 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 Wisconsinites;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 2021 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State