

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has long been a leader in workforce programming, including registered apprenticeships, youth apprenticeships, and worker training grants, and was home to 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 job centers at 42 locations—as well as our state's online labor exchange, Job Center of Wisconsin—which are staffed with talented employment and training specialists who are in tune with local employer demands and who stand ready to assist individuals with securing employment, transitioning into new employment, or learning new skills to advance their careers; and

WHEREAS; as our workforce continues to evolve, job services are becoming more flexible, adapting to offer greater online access and more mobile job centers; and

WHEREAS; continued investment in our state's workforce, including through our investment of more than \$150 million in workforce solutions with the Workforce Innovation Grant Program, the Worker Advancement Initiative, and the Worker Connection Program, will drive innovation and contribute to the strength of our economy for years to come, and access to programs such as unemployment insurance—which is being strengthened through modernization efforts—remains key to advancing equity and effectiveness in our workforce; 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 2022 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State