

WHEREAS; our nation's aerospace industry is dependent upon a skilled workforce to remain a global leader in safety, efficiency, and innovation; and

WHEREAS; local government and community leaders recognize the importance of the aerospace industry to the safety, security, and economic prosperity of all Wisconsinites and all Americans; and

WHEREAS; women have been involved in aviation since its earliest days, from E. Lillian Todd, who designed and built aircraft in 1906, to Bessica Raiche of Beloit, who, in 1910, was accredited by the Aeronautical Society as being the first woman to fly an airplane in a solo flight, to Eileen Collins, who became the first female Space Shuttle Pilot in 1997 and first female Space Shuttle Commander in 1999; and

WHEREAS; although the number of women involved in the aviation industry has steadily increased over the past two decades, only 16 percent of people working in the aircraft, spacecraft, and manufacturing industry are female and only 7 percent of licensed pilots are women; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that the path to increasing participation is through a collaborative effort on the part of government, industry, and dedicated organizations and individuals to inspire women and girls to pursue aerospace-based goals, prepare female students through quality aerospace STEM curriculums, and expose young girls to positive female role models; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating the numerous contributions women have made and continue to make to the aviation industry, and reaffirms its commitment to expanding opportunity for young people throughout our state and increasing women's participation in the aviation field;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 26, 2020, as

GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY

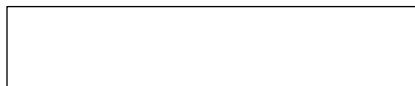
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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