STATE of WISCONSIN

OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS: our kids are one of Wisconsin's greatest resources, and those with intellectual, academic, creative, leadership, and artistic gifts and talents have unique needs that deserve to be recognized, respected, and supported; and

WHEREAS: just as giftedness comes in a variety of domains, it has no limits related to identity or background and affects learners of all ages, ethnicities, gender identities, and income levels; and

WHEREAS: the state of Wisconsin is committed to eliminating barriers to resources for gifted learners and families and advocating for well-funded special education programs in schools throughout the state, so as to enable all learners to reach their highest potential; and

WHEREAS: through dedicated and collaborative efforts between state agencies and programs, school district staff, families, organizations, community members, and students, we can implement practices that help to close the opportunity gap for marginalized students, promote greater equity in identifying and nurturing the talents and gifts of learners, and build an education system that works for everyone; and

WHEREAS: the Wisconsin Association for Talented and Gifted Annual Conference is being held on October 3rd and 4th of this year, kicking off Gifted Education Month throughout the state; and

WHEREAS: Gifted Education Month provides an opportunity for all Wisconsinites to reflect on the contributions made by parents, educators, and academic support staff throughout Wisconsin, and to honor the special contributions of learners of all ages, backgrounds, and ability levels;

Now, Therefore, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 2019 as

GIFTED EDUCATION MONTH

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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 23rd day of September 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

[Signature]
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State