

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; our kids are one of our state's greatest resources, and those with intellectual, academic, creative, leadership, and artistic gifts and talents have unique needs that should be recognized and supported; and

*WHEREAS*; giftedness comes in a variety of domains and can be found in learners of all ages, abilities, ethnicities, gender identities, and income levels, yet according to the National Center for Research on Gifted Education, students of color, students from low-income families, and students from rural communities are less likely to be identified or acknowledged as gifted in schools; and

*WHEREAS*; underachievement in school may be caused by numerous factors, underscoring the essential role that informed counselors, teachers, and parents play in helping kids navigate and overcome the social, emotional, and psychological challenges involved in growing up; and

*WHEREAS*; all children deserve equal access to fair and unbiased identification strategies and resources, regardless of identity or background, and the state remains committed to eliminating barriers to resources for gifted learners and their families, and to enabling all learners to reach their highest potential; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin recognizes that it is through the dedicated and collaborative efforts of state agencies and programs, school district staff, families, organizations, community members, educators, and students that the state can implement practices that help to close opportunity gaps, promote greater equity in identifying and nurturing the talents and gifts of learners, and build an education system that works for everyone;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 2022 as

## GIFTED EDUCATION 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
September 2022.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State