Proclamation

WHEREAS, the United States is recognized as a global leader in aerospace safety, efficiency, and innovation; and

WHEREAS, the United States aerospace industry is dependent upon a skilled workforce comprised of Americans of all identities and backgrounds to maintain its exemplary level of quality; and

WHEREAS, local government and community leaders recognize the importance of the aerospace industry to the economic prosperity, national security, and public safety of the United States; and

WHEREAS, women have been involved in aviation since its earliest days, from E. Lilian Todd, who designed and built aircraft in 1906, to Jeana Yeager, who copiloted the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin women like Bessica Raiche of Beloit, who, in 1910 was credited by the Aeronautical Society as being the first woman to fly an airplane in a solo flight, have also made their mark on the aviation world; and

WHEREAS, although women are dramatically underrepresented in the aviation industry, the number of women involved has steadily increased in the last two decades; and

WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin is committed to expanding opportunity for young people throughout the state and recognizes the importance of increasing women’s participation in aviation fields; and

WHEREAS, Girls in Aviation Day presents an opportunity for individuals and government, industry, and community organizations to collaborate toward inspiring girls to pursue aerospace-based goals, preparing female students through quality aerospace STEM curriculum, and introducing girls to role models in the aviation industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2019, as

GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY

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

Douglas La Follette
Secretary of State