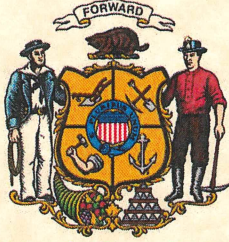


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2019.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State