WHEREAS; apprenticeship training provides Wisconsin’s employers with highly skilled workers who are invested in their learning and career development; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin became the first state to pass a regulated apprenticeship law in 1911, and our apprenticeship program remains one of the most robust in the United States; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin’s apprenticeship program facilitates collaboration between the Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards in the Department of Workforce Development’s Division of Employment and Training and the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Wisconsin Apprenticeship Advisory Council, the U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Apprenticeship, and many representatives from labor, management, and business entities throughout our state; and

WHEREAS; the apprenticeship community in our state is committed to fostering innovation in apprenticeship, creating an apprenticeship-based talent pipeline in new industries, building bridges from youth apprenticeships to registered apprenticeships, offering more opportunities for registered apprenticeship and certified pre-apprenticeship credentials for incarcerated individuals, and supporting a strong pool of skilled workers for generations to come; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin proudly recognizes its 14,000 active apprentices and 6,000 youth apprentices who are earning their livelihoods while learning the skills necessary to maintain quality employment now and into the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 8 through 14, 2020, as

APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

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 5th day of November 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State