WHEREAS, Madison Area Technical College was founded in 1912 as the Madison Industrial School in response to the needs of Wisconsin employers for workers with specialized training; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, Madison Area Technical College became a renewable energy pioneer in the State of Wisconsin with the installation of solar thermal energy technology at its regional campus in Portage; and

WHEREAS, Since that time, Madison Area Technical College has emerged as a leader among the nation’s community colleges for its commitment to renewable energy and innovation as demonstrated by five additional solar projects: the installation of a photovoltaic tracker and awning at the former Mitby Theater entrance; a building-integrated photovoltaic solar bus shelter; a photovoltaic training yard; a solar roof installation at its Truax Campus and the installation of photovoltaic solar panel at the new Goodman South Campus that will open in September 2019; and

WHEREAS, Madison Area Technical College has developed a comprehensive Photovoltaic Roadmap, a forward-thinking plan that prioritizes the installation of solar systems on college facilities to increase generation of renewable energy and benefit the environment; and

WHEREAS, Today, Madison Area Technical College will bring into service the largest rooftop solar installation in the State of Wisconsin, consisting of more than 5,00 solar panels that will produce an estimated 2,300,000-kilowatt hours of electricity per year and save Wisconsin taxpayers around $200,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, Madison Area Technical College continues to respond to the demand of Wisconsin employers for workers with specialized knowledge and skills, including those in renewable energy sector who are committed to being responsible stewards of our natural resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, January 16, 2019, as

Madison Area Technical College Solar Energy Day

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of 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 16th day of January 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor

DOUGLAS A. FOLLETTE
Secretary of State