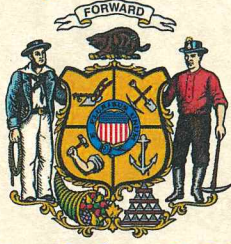


# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; National Speech and Debate Education Day is being celebrated on March 1, 2019; and

*WHEREAS*; established by the National Speech & Debate Association, in conjunction with local partners such as the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association, this event promotes better instruction in speech and debate across all grade levels and to highlight the pivotal roles these abilities play in personal advocacy, social movements, and public policy making; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin played a key role in the heritage of speech and debate activities, with the founding of secondary and post-secondary national organizations in Ripon, and the nation's oldest continuously operating secondary school speech and debate organization, the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association; and

*WHEREAS*; speech and debate education helps students develop skills in communication, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration through the practice of public speaking where participants learn not only to analyze and express complex ideas effectively but also to listen, concur, questions, or dissent with reason and compassion; and

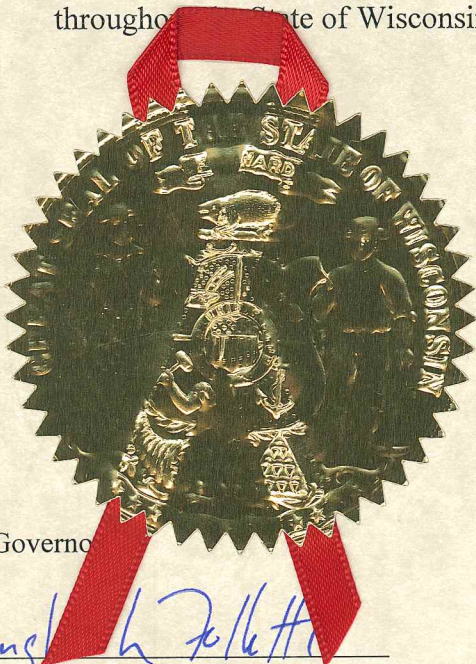
*WHEREAS*; countless educators devote evening and weekend time to speech and debate practices and competitions, and their model of hard work and dedication has lasting, positive impact on their students; and

*WHEREAS*; skills learned through speech and debate serve students well throughout their lives, and this occasion presents a welcome opportunity to recognize such instruction as an essential component of a well-rounded curriculum;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 1, 2019 as

## SPEECH AND DEBATE EDUCATION 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State