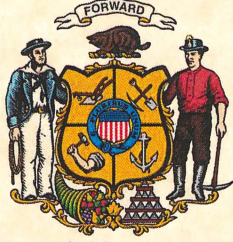


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; every Wisconsinite deserves the opportunity to access an affordable and quality public education, no matter their age, background, income status, or zip code, from early childhood to our universities and technical colleges system; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin's University of Wisconsin System boasts 26 campuses and extensions and graduated 36,825 students in 2018, designating our state's public higher education system as one of the largest in the country; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin was the first state to establish a state-supported technical college system, known as the Wisconsin Technical College System, which now houses 54 campuses and graduated 28,536 students in 2018; and

*WHEREAS*; higher education informs innovation and self-actualization, equips individuals with the skills they need to realize their dreams, and helps to equalize resources in our communities; and

*WHEREAS*; ensuring access to affordable, high-quality education requires meaningful investments in higher education institutions across our state, from making sure facilities are safe and meet twenty-first century needs, to supporting our educators, to funding tuition freezes; and

*WHEREAS*; we must renew our efforts to prioritize higher education in Wisconsin, so as to honor our students, our state's history of support for higher education, and the long-standing guiding philosophy of the Wisconsin Idea;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 6, 2019 as

## NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2019.

*Tony Evers*  
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TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State