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WHEREAS; in September 2019, approximately 858,833 public school students, 60,649 teachers, and 108,820 full-time staff will return to elementary, middle, and high schools throughout the state of Wisconsin for another academic year; and

WHEREAS; likewise, more than 170,000 students and 39,000 faculty and staff will return to one of the 13 four-year universities and 13 two-year universities throughout the state that comprise the University of Wisconsin System; and

WHEREAS; education provides opportunity, support, and resources to hundreds of thousands of students around the state, planting seeds of imagination, inspiration, and hope for countless children and young adults; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that what's best for our kids is what's best for our state, and we must renew our pledge to prioritize the fight for quality education for every kid; and

WHEREAS; education is one of the clearest indicators of general quality of life and social attitudes, and is highly correlated with factors like employment status, income bracket, positive attitudes, and overall well-being; and

WHEREAS; our kids benefit from educators who feel inspired and empowered to provide engaged learning that motivates all students to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS; a quality education should be accessible to every child throughout the state, no matter their background, income level, housing status, or zip code;

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

## **BACK TO SCHOOL MONTH**

throughout the State was sin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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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 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State