STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to thousands of businesses that employ more than three million workers in industries such as advanced manufacturing, health care, information technology, and others; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's labor force participation rate consistently ranks in or near the top five among states, and in 2018, we set a new record for the most people employed in our state's history; and

WHEREAS; the strength of Wisconsin's world-class workforce rests upon the ability of educators, workforce partners, and employers to sustain and enhance the collective skill sets of students and workers to meet market demand; and

WHEREAS; the state recognizes that, in order to meet employers' demand for skilled workers, we must help individuals overcome barriers to employment through innovative programs, like Commute to Careers, Project SEARCH, and our many re-entry initiatives; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has invested $365 million in programs that support Wisconsin's workforce training initiatives since 2011 to provide innovative training programs and talent development services to connect individuals seeking skilled careers with businesses in emerging employment sectors and industries that are driving the state's economy forward; and

WHEREAS; the Department of Workforce Development is partnering with the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, K-12 and post-secondary education partners, and the Wisconsin Workforce Development Association to create and manage a comprehensive talent pipeline to prepare citizens for good paying, high-demand jobs that help Wisconsin businesses grow;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH

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 21st day of August 2018.

SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State