

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; a diverse and dynamic manufacturing industry is critical to Wisconsin's economic prosperity, as the industry employs more than 454,000 Wisconsinites, accounts for 15 percent of the state's workforce, the second highest in the nation, and generates nearly \$74 billion in economic output; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, partner agencies, and organizations play a key role in supporting Wisconsin manufacturing by advocating for workers' rights, ensuring workplace safety, and providing skill-building opportunities for people statewide, including individuals with disabilities, justice-involved individuals, and other individuals who might otherwise face barriers to entering the workforce; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin supports the manufacturing sector through collaborative workforce training programs, including the state's Registered Apprenticeship program, which achieved its fourth consecutive year of record participation in 2025, with over 18,000 participants; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has invested more than \$58 million in Wisconsin Fast Forward grant funding to support training over 32,000 workers since the program began, including those in the manufacturing sector, as well as grants to school districts across the state aimed at exposing high school students to advanced manufacturing; and

WHEREAS; government, K-12, and post-secondary institutions also deliver industry-driven training through Wisconsin's Youth Apprenticeship program, which, for the fifth consecutive year, had a record participation of over 12,000 students during the 2025-26 school year, including over 1,500 students working with hundreds of Wisconsin manufacturers; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to supporting the growth, prosperity, and economic advancement of all workers, employers, and job seekers in the manufacturing industry and to helping future generations explore career opportunities in manufacturing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 2026 as

MANUFACTURING MONTH

and October 2, 2026, as

MANUFACTURING DAY

I, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.



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 September 2026.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski
SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State