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 from breweries and cheese makers to advanced manufacturers and biotechnology companies; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's labor force participation rate is among the highest in the country, with a workforce committed to meeting and exceeding the challenges of the future; and

WHEREAS; the strength of Wisconsin's workforce rests in its workers, who labor every day in hundreds of skilled occupations reflecting both Wisconsin's heritage and its leadership in many cutting-edge fields; and

WHEREAS; the Governor's Council on Workforce Investment, in concert with Wisconsin's 11workforce development boards and workforce partners, provides critical assistance to workers and employers; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has devoted more than $135 million to provide opportunities that will connect individuals seeking skilled careers with businesses in emerging employment sectors; and

WHEREAS; the Department of Workforce Development is partnering with the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, and the Wisconsin Workforce Development Association to create and manage a comprehensive talent pipeline for Wisconsin's employers and citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim the month of September 2014, 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 26th day of August 2014.

SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State