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DWD Secretary Baumbach Commends Culver's for Efforts to Encourage Employment of Individuals with Disabilities

Culver's recognized for working through its franchises to train and employ those with disabilities

PRAIRIE DU SAC – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Scott Baumbach today commended Culver's Restaurants for promoting a corporate culture among its 440 Franchise Operators in 19 states that encourages the hiring of people with disabilities and supports efforts to help them become productive employees.

"In Wisconsin, we are fortunate to have a variety of programs and employers, to assist jobseekers who face barriers to employment due to a disability achieve their fullest potential and be economically self-sufficient," Secretary Baumbach said. "It is important for us to promote the inclusion of these individuals, and to recognize Wisconsin employers such as Culver's who help lead the way."

The commendation coincides with Governor Scott Walker's proclamation of October as Disability Awareness Month in Wisconsin. The state has numerous pioneering programs to support the successful employment of individuals with disabilities through DWD's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

"Wisconsin remains strongly committed to ensuring fair treatment of all individuals in the workplace and to promoting the employment of individuals with disabilities," Secretary Baumbach said. "This is a long-term commitment that is made easier by outstanding corporate citizens such as Culver's."

With approximately 1,600 employees, DWD works with employers to fill jobs, provides training and employment services to workers, enforces workers' rights, and administers Unemployment Insurance and Worker's Compensation programs.