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Murphy Statement on Appointment of Tommy Thompson as Interim UW System President

MADISON, WI — Today, the University of Wisconsin System announced that former Governor Tommy G. Thompson will be taking on the role of interim UW System president on the first of July.

State Representative Dave Murphy (R–Greenville) issued the following statement:

“I am deeply thankful that Tommy Thompson has agreed to lead the University of Wisconsin System as its interim president. Wisconsin is many times blessed by his contributions to our state. Throughout his decades of service to our state and nation, Tommy Thompson has cemented his legacy as a champion of higher education and the University of Wisconsin System. As its interim president, Tommy is the ideal person to nurture the close relationship between the state and university that is the cornerstone of the Wisconsin Idea.

“Tommy’s leadership in public health, service as governor, and continued involvement in higher education make him the perfect person to take the helm at this critical time.”

“The challenges ahead for UW System are significant. We face shrinking enrollment due to demographics, public health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, projected budget problems, and reluctance of many to work together in the face of disagreement. Tommy Thompson is known for his unmatched ability bring people together to accomplish great things. I know I’m not alone in offering Tommy my full support to help keep the UW System on solid footing for its next president and the decades to come.”

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