



STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**BETH MEYERS**

**For Immediate Release:**  
September 5, 2016

**Contact:** Rep. Beth Meyers  
(888) 534-0074

## Celebration of Labor Day

**MADISON** – As we look forward to Labor Day, I encourage everyone to take time out of their day to remember why this holiday holds such importance. Today not only a time for celebration and rest; it is also a time for reflection. It is a day when we take time to realize how far our country has come and the achievements that have been made because of our hardworking men and women.

Labor Day became a federal holiday in 1894. It was created during the industrial revolution, when workers' rights were minimal. It was a time when American workers, including even children of five or six years old, were found working long hours and in dangerous conditions. The United States has come a long way since then, thanks to the working men and women who fought for a fairer and stronger future. Although we have made incredible progress since the creation of this national holiday, it is undeniable that our country must continue to evolve and push forward. We must acknowledge our past, and keep our eyes focused on the future.

This holiday is more than a day off for the hard working people of Wisconsin and the country as a whole, it is a day to recognize that our achievements are the result of dedicated workers and a resilient workforce. These workers spend their days striving for success. They are investing in the betterment of our society and strengthening our economy, no matter their profession, job, or career. We must realize that every person contributes to our society in their own way, and the unique and diverse people who make up our society each have a valuable role to play.

Although this is a national holiday, it is necessary to acknowledge the advancements that are occurring right here in Northern Wisconsin. We continue to push forward and make progress in our district, which is possible because of those who contribute their personal skills and talents to improving our communities. Tourism, manufacturing, health care, forestry, and agriculture are just a handful of the various sectors that make up our strong workforce. As we work to preserve our priceless natural resources while promoting family-sustaining jobs, we will have challenges in the road ahead, but I am confident that we will find success because of our committed citizens and collaborative efforts.

I am proud to advocate for Northern Wisconsin, and push for changes that are necessary for continued advancement. It should be our goal to ensure that Wisconsin offers opportunity to all those who live and work in the state. This goal is not easy, but it is necessary. We must change with a changing world and be confident that Wisconsin is on the right side of history.

From Brule to Hurley, Red Cliff to Prentice, we are so fortunate to work and live in such a beautiful and diverse community. Our region is unique and has immeasurable value, as we provide richness, natural beauty, and innovation to the state of Wisconsin. I am proud to represent the people who have made our area such a dynamic part of the state through their hard work, as well as those who see the true value that exists in our district. We would not be where we are today if we did not have the enthusiasm and participation of our citizens.

I wish to extend my thanks for being chosen to serve the people of the 74<sup>th</sup> in the State Assembly. I can imagine no higher honor than to represent our district. I hope you will enjoy this national holiday, and remember that it would not be possible for us to be a strong nation, state, or district, without the participation and strength of our workers.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns about issues relating to state government. I can be reached at 888-534-0074 or [Rep.Meyers@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Rep.Meyers@legis.wisconsin.gov).

**###**