



Media Release

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**Rep. Shankland Thanks Governor Evers for Declaring  
International Student Welcome Week in Wisconsin**

STEVENS POINT- Every year, thousands of international students choose to live, study, and work in Wisconsin, forming a vital part of campus life, local communities, and our state's economy. Rep. Katrina Shankland (D- Stevens Point) asked Governor Tony Evers to issue a proclamation to honor and welcome these students, and the governor has consequently proclaimed August 26-30, 2019 as International Student Welcome Week throughout Wisconsin.

In response, Rep. Katrina Shankland issued the following statement:

"Thank you to Governor Evers for recognizing the cultural and economic importance of international students and going the extra mile to welcome them to our state. By declaring it International Student Welcome Week in the state of Wisconsin, our state is embracing the many contributions of our international students.

"Everyone benefits from cultural exchange. As students arrive on campus and our schools, colleges, and universities begin the new school year, I hope that this proclamation will help to set a welcoming tone. Thank you, Governor Evers, for emphasizing that our state is an open and welcoming place for international students!"

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*\*\*Note: A copy of the governor's proclamation is enclosed\*\**

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## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; each year, approximately one million students from other countries study abroad in the United States, thousands of whom choose to live and study in Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS*; international students form an integral part of campus life at Wisconsin's colleges and universities, enriching the education of all students and fostering cultural appreciation and global fluency; and

*WHEREAS*; international students contribute significantly to Wisconsin's economy, adding approximately \$400 million in economic value and supporting approximately 5,000 jobs; and

*WHEREAS*; international education and cultural exchange benefit everyone involved by helping to develop effective communication skills, intercultural awareness, and respect; and

*WHEREAS*; it is a priority of the Department of Public Instruction and Wisconsin's institutions of higher education to encourage culturally fluency, acceptance, understanding, and global connection in students who study in Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS*; the State of Wisconsin is proud to welcome international students to our high schools, colleges, and universities, and greatly appreciates the range and scope of their contributions to our communities; and

*WHEREAS*; during the week of August 26<sup>th</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, educational institutions around our great state will be welcoming international students to campus for orientation to begin the 2019-2020 school year;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim August 26 – 30, 2019, as

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WELCOME WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State