



# A Proclamation

- Whereas** Wisconsin is committed to developing a civically engaged workforce prepared with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills; and
- Whereas** Wisconsin schools and communities believe in taking shared responsibility for nurturing thriving communities; and
- Whereas** Wisconsin recognizes the need for an education system that inspires learning for the common good, with students using their abilities to make our democracy stronger, our economy more viable, and our social systems healthier; and
- Whereas** service-learning is an effective instructional strategy that engages students in applying academic knowledge and skills to solve personally relevant community issues; and
- Whereas** service-learning strengthens classroom instruction by providing a meaningful context in which to utilize communication, critical thinking, problem solving, and other 21<sup>st</sup> century skills critical to a global economy; and
- Whereas** research has shown that service-learning has an enduring positive impact on students' academic achievement, civic engagement, and personal and social development; and
- Whereas** young people should be viewed as the hope not only of the future, but also of today, and should be valued for the idealism, energy, creativity, and commitment they bring to the challenges in their communities; now

**Therefore, be it resolved that**

the week of October 6-12, 2008, be devoted to the recognition of everyone who contributes to advancing service-learning as an effective pedagogy in Wisconsin's schools, and be designated as Learn and Serve Challenge Week in Wisconsin.



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