

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

A Proclamation

Whereas on November 29, 1975, the Education for All Handicapped Children Act, now known as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was signed into law; and

Whereas this landmark civil rights legislation opened the doors to our public schools, guaranteeing every child with a disability the right to a free and appropriate public education; and

Whereas in the last 40 years, significant progress has been made towards improving educational outcomes by serving students with disabilities in the general education classroom; and

Whereas this anniversary serves as a time of reflection on our journey and on our continued commitment to improving results for students with disabilities, ensuring that all students in Wisconsin graduate from high school college and career ready; and

Whereas we salute the dedication and efforts of countless educators, families, administrators, providers, and advocacy organizations throughout the State of Wisconsin who support and work on behalf of our students with disabilities;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Department of Public Instruction honors the 40th anniversary of IDEA and celebrates the successes, talents, and contributions of our students with disabilities, and all those who work on their behalf.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF IDEA



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State Superintendent of Public Instruction

