

Dept. of Workforce Development: Gov. Evers proclaims June 2 as 100 Years of Vocational Rehabilitation Day

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MADISON – Governor Tony Evers has [proclaimed](#) June 2, 2020, as 100 Years of Vocational Rehabilitation Day to celebrate the success of vocational rehabilitation in ensuring the full participation of individuals with disabilities in Wisconsin’s workforce. Today marks the 100th anniversary of civilian vocational rehabilitation in the United States.

“Wisconsin workers with disabilities enrich our communities and play an integral role in our economy,” Governor Evers said. “The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD), through its Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, has supported thousands of our community members with disabilities in developing vital skills to prepare them for success in the workforce.”

Over the last ten federal fiscal years, Wisconsin DVR has helped nearly 40,000 Wisconsinites with disabilities reach their employment goals. Through its Wisconsin Project SEARCH program, DVR has provided workforce training to nearly 1,200 youth and adults with disabilities since the program began during the 2008-09 school year.

“Thanks to the hard work of our Division of Vocational Rehabilitation staff, along with our partners and local organizations, together we are advancing employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities on our state,” DWD Secretary Caleb Frostman said. “We thank Governor Evers for his ongoing commitment to making our workforce accessible to everyone, and we are proud to celebrate this important

milestone today with all who have played a role in the success of vocational rehabilitation in Wisconsin.”

On June 2, 1920, the National Civilian Rehabilitation Act was signed into law. In the 100 years since, vocational rehabilitation programs across the country have provided services to maximize employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities who want to work.

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