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Rep. Joers Congratulates Dr. Johnson on Being Selected as New Universities of Wisconsin President

MADISON – Today, the Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents unanimously voted to select Dr. Tonjanita (Tonja) L. Johnson as the next President for the Universities of Wisconsin. Representative Alex Joers (D-Westport), who serves on the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities, released the following statement:

"I'm encouraged by the selection of Dr. Tonjanita Johnson by the Board of Regents to be the next President of the Universities of Wisconsin. I recently had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Johnson. I was impressed by her calm attention to detail, collaborative communication style, and lengthy experience in academic achievement.

"The Universities of Wisconsin undoubtedly faces significant challenges in the future, but I believe we can feel confident in Dr. Johnson's ability to govern a large enterprise. I know she will work to gain the trust of the people of Wisconsin and carry forward the Wisconsin Idea for all our residents.

"This is an opportunity for us to build a stronger university system that honors the firm tradition of educational rigor our state is known for. I look forward to supporting Dr. Johnson's transition into this role and remain committed to strengthening our Universities of Wisconsin for the benefit of our students, faculty, and entire campus communities."

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