

STATE *of* WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

# *Proclamation*

*Whereas*, diverse learning environments in education demand a heightened level of skill and knowledge for students to engage with digital tools in and out of school to connect, collaborate, communicate, and create; and

*Whereas*, information and media literacy skills are vital components of fostering democratic school environments that prepare students to learn civic literacy, to promote civic engagement, to have information literacy skills to participate in civil discourses, and be informed future voters; and,

*Whereas*, online safety, security, and digital citizenship/leadership require a coordinated approach from schools, libraries, and community partners in order to ensure that students are engaged in safe and responsible use of digital tools, online communications, protection of their privacy and physical/mental health safety, and portrayal of online identity to ensure they are future ready; and,

*Whereas*, cyber security is an essential component of the overall virtual environment, and the security of personally identifiable information while accessing digital resources is vital to students' educational success and physical and mental health; and,

*Whereas*, October 1-31 is proclaimed "Keeping Kids Safe Online" month in Wisconsin to support schools, out of school (before, after, and summer school) programs, families, libraries, and communities to promote the role that online safety and digital citizenship/leadership education have in producing engaged, empathetic, digital-age leaders who are future ready.

*Therefore*, be it resolved that, I, Jill K. Underly, do hereby proclaim in the state of Wisconsin, Keeping Kids Safe Online Month to promote online safety and digital citizenship/leadership education.

## **Keeping Kids Safe Online Month**

*October 1-31, 2022*



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill Underly".

Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent