



Proclamation

BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Environmental Education Week 2025 in Wisconsin

WHEREAS: April 22 is designated as Environmental Awareness Day established in the 1989 Wisconsin Act 146 and schools are encouraged to conduct a day-long program, using all educational subjects, to enhance the students' understanding of the environment and to promote an ethic of environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS: Former Wisconsin governor and U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson founded Earth Day in 1970 to organize a national public demonstration to bring attention to the environment, and Environmental Awareness Day marks this anniversary; and

WHEREAS: April 25 is designated as Arbor Day, a tree planting holiday established in 1872 and celebrated on the last Friday in April and the Department of Natural Resources provides thousands of free tree seedlings to Wisconsin fourth grade students for this celebration; and

WHEREAS: The Wisconsin Children's Outdoor Heritage Resolution, adopted in 2016, recognizes that every child should have the opportunity to play in the dirt, plant a tree, grow a garden, and explore and connect with the state's natural spaces and wild places; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Public Instruction provides recognition through Green & Healthy Schools Wisconsin and the U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools to schools who help students connect, explore, and engage with Wisconsin's natural resources to increase environmental literacy for a sustainable future.

THEREFORE: I, Jill K. Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, do hereby proclaim April 20 - 26, 2025 as National Environmental Education Week in the state of Wisconsin.

**National Environmental Education Week
April 20 - 26, 2025**



Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

