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## Governor Tony Evers Declares October WI Tech Month

Governor Evers has proclaimed [October as WI Tech Month](#) in the state of WI. WI Tech Month is being presented by the Milky Way Tech Hub and Wisconsin Voices. Nadiyah Johnson, founder of the Milky Way Tech Hub, feels it is necessary to celebrate and amplify Wisconsin's Tech ecosystem. "We're excited to be working with organizations throughout the state to drive awareness around the importance of technology and highlight its role in decreasing racial wealth and achievement gaps." says Johnson.

More than 20 events have been coordinated around the state. Eau Claire, Beloit, Milwaukee, Madison, Platteville, and Kenosha are among the many participating cities. The month will kick off with **Milwaukee Tech Advocacy Week(October 1st-10th)**. This will be a week of civic tech events that aim to equip the general public with the tools and knowledge necessary to find their voices in technology through advocacy, policy, and legislation. The week's events will lead up to Lobby Day at the Wisconsin State Capitol building on October 8th.

Features events of WI Tech Month include:

[October 2<sup>nd</sup> - NASA Space Apps Challenge](#) -Milwaukee

October 8<sup>th</sup> – [MKE Tech Lobby Day](#) - Milwaukee

[October 13<sup>th</sup> Smart Cities Design Thinking Workshop](#) – Kenosha

[October 14<sup>th</sup> WiSys Venture Home Technology Showcase](#) -Platteville

[October 15<sup>th</sup> Using Data Wisely to Help Communities of Color: What You Need to Know](#) -Milwaukee

[October 19<sup>th</sup> Tech Connect](#) - Beloit

Events are now open for registration. For a growing list of events visit:

<https://milkywaytechhub.com/witechmonth/>

*About Milky Way Tech Hub*

The Milky Way Tech Hub is realizing the vision that Milwaukee is a tech hub where Black people and POC are able to thrive in the field of technology. Through a community-based grass-roots effort Milky Way Tech Hub has begun attracting national and international entrepreneurs to Milwaukee in addition to supporting the local talent already here. The Milky Way Tech Hub's

goal is to use its resources, programs, and community partnerships to create equitable opportunities for Milwaukee's tech ecosystem.

*About Wisconsin Voices*

We unify a dynamic network of progressive nonprofits in Wisconsin around achieving shared goals to build a better democracy. We build our partners' capacity, amplify their impact, nurture new leadership, promote racial equity, champion transparent policies, and foster civic engagement so that everyone has an equal voice.