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**Rep. Shankland Thanks Governor Evers for Declaring
International Student Welcome Week in Wisconsin**

STEVENS POINT- Every year, thousands of international students choose to live, study, and work in Wisconsin, forming a vital part of campus life, local communities, and our state's economy. Rep. Katrina Shankland (D- Stevens Point) asked Governor Tony Evers to issue a proclamation to honor and welcome these students, and the governor has consequently proclaimed August 26-30, 2019 as International Student Welcome Week throughout Wisconsin.

In response, Rep. Katrina Shankland issued the following statement:

"Thank you to Governor Evers for recognizing the cultural and economic importance of international students and going the extra mile to welcome them to our state. By declaring it International Student Welcome Week in the state of Wisconsin, our state is embracing the many contributions of our international students.

"Everyone benefits from cultural exchange. As students arrive on campus and our schools, colleges, and universities begin the new school year, I hope that this proclamation will help to set a welcoming tone. Thank you, Governor Evers, for emphasizing that our state is an open and welcoming place for international students!"

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Note: A copy of the governor's proclamation is enclosed