

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting the state, and fire presents a serious public safety concern, especially within the home; and

WHEREAS; according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), in 2023, fires were responsible for an estimated 3,670 civilian deaths across the United States, and 79 percent of these fatalities occurred at home; and

WHEREAS; further, an estimated \$23 billion in property damage accumulated nationally as a result of fire, including multi-billion dollar losses due to wildland-urban interface related fires; and

WHEREAS; Community Risk Reduction is a data-informed, multi-stakeholder process to identify and prioritize local fire and medical risks that also engages an integrated and strategic investment of resources to decrease their occurrence and alleviate their impact within communities; and

WHEREAS; the goal of Community Risk Reduction is to increase public safety, awareness, and emergency preparedness for community members and emergency response professionals through concerted action in the areas of the “five E’s” of risk reduction: education, engineering, enforcement, emergency response, and economic incentive; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin commends all first responders and fire service professionals across the state who are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of all-hazard risks, injuries, and damages, and appreciates the value of community support from local, state, and national partners to address public safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim January 20 through 26 2025 as

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 20th day of December 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State