

WHEREAS; in the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that nearly 400,000 people seek medical care for burn injuries each year, and according to the Cleveland Clinic roughly 180,000 people die annually from burn-related injuries worldwide; and

WHEREAS; most burn injuries occur inside the home, and the primary causes of injury include flames, hot liquids, contact with hot objects, electrical fires, and chemicals; and

WHEREAS; knowing how to properly recognize, evaluate, and treat burns is crucial, and advances in research and medicine have improved burn care and treatment, shortened hospital stays, increased survival rates, and enhanced support for the physical and emotional effects that burn survivors endure; and

WHEREAS; the theme of this year's National Burn Awareness Week is "Burn Prevention Where You Live, Work, and Play - Preventing Burns in the Workplace," which focuses on raising awareness of burn risks in the workplace, whether in kitchens, labs, constructions zones, or offices, and promoting safe practices, some of which include training and practicing emergency procedures and storing hazardous materials safely; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the American Burn Association, along with burn survivors and burn, fire, and life safety educators, first responders, and researchers across the state, in spreading awareness of the frequency, devastation, and causes of burn injuries, effective preventative measures, and in promoting burn safety education and best practices for aftercare of those who are injured;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 1 through 7 2026 as

NATIONAL BURN AWARENESS WEEK

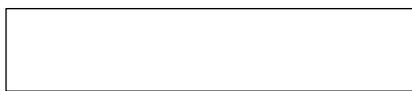
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 27th day of January 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State