

WHEREAS; according to the National Institutes of Health, burn injuries continue to be one of the leading causes of accidental death and injury in the United States, with more than 450,000 people receiving medical care for the treatment of burn injuries every year and approximately 30,000 requiring admission to burn centers for extensive treatment; and

WHEREAS; according to the United States Fire Administration, there were 47 fire-related fatalities in Wisconsin in 2023 alone; 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 to ensuring they receive adequate care; often, first-degree burns, usually marked by redness, warmth, and softness, can be treated at home with cool water, aloe, lotion, and nonprescription pain reliever, while second and third-degree burns, marked by pain, blisters, dark redness, charring, the impact of multiple layers of skin, and rapid swelling require immediate medical attention; and

WHEREAS; sponsored by the American Burn Association (ABA), National Burn Awareness Week is observed every year during the first full week in February; and

WHEREAS; the theme of this year's National Burn Awareness Week is "Flammable Liquid Burns", which focuses on raising awareness of flammable liquids, including gasoline, lighter fluid, and other liquid chemicals, which may ignite through released vapors feet away from the liquid; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the ABA, along with burn survivors and burn, fire, and life safety educators and researchers across the state, in spreading awareness of the frequency, devastation, and causes of burn injuries, effective preventative measures, 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 4 through 10 2024 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 29th day of December 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State