

WHEREAS; the safety of farm and agricultural workers across Wisconsin is of the utmost importance to the state; and

WHEREAS; grain production, handling, and transportation are significant industries in Wisconsin and across the United States, but it can be dangerous work, as it takes only seconds to be engulfed in flowing grain or overcome by oxygen-deficient environments that can result in suffocation and even death; and

WHEREAS; according to research conducted by Purdue University, over the past 50 years, there have been approximately 2,300 cases of grain engulfment reported in the United States, with a fatality rate of 59 percent, underscoring the importance of increased training and public awareness to help prevent situations where engulfment might occur and reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS; flowing grain moves similarly to quicksand, trapping and burying individuals beneath hundreds of pounds of pressure, and practicing preventative and corrective safety measures, including maintenance of grain bin equipment, not walking over grain, utilizing harness and lifeline systems, employing bin observers, and testing the air for sufficient oxygen, can be essential to saving lives; and

WHEREAS; observed annually during the third full week in February, Grain Bin Safety Week provides an opportunity to promote grain bin safety on farms and in commercial grain-handling facilities; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the state's grain operators, farmers, and all agricultural workers in promoting education and awareness of safe work practices and the hazards associated with grain handling and storage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 18 through 24 2024 as

GRAIN BIN SAFETY 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 11th day of January 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State