

WHEREAS; flooding is one of the most frequently occurring natural disasters in Wisconsin and across the United States, claiming the lives of 77 Americans in 2023, according to data from the National Weather Service; and

WHEREAS; flooding has affected a greater number of Wisconsin municipalities and increased damage costs to public and private property, underscoring the importance of learning how to mitigate, prevent, and respond to flooding; and

WHEREAS; many communities across the state experienced major to moderate flooding last year due to rapid snowmelt, and 81 percent of flooding fatalities in Wisconsin occur when people enter flooded areas; and

WHEREAS; according to the National Weather Service, as little as two feet of rushing water can sweep a vehicle off the road, and more than half of all flood-related fatalities involve people in vehicles attempting to drive through water-covered roads; and

WHEREAS; it is essential for all Wisconsinites to evaluate the risk of flooding in their communities and take appropriate preparedness and mitigation actions before an emergency; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin Emergency Management's ReadyWisconsin campaign provides critically important information to citizens and offers communities throughout the state the tools they need to be prepared before, during, and after flooding events; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins Wisconsin Emergency Management and the National Weather Service in working to raise public awareness of the importance of planning and preparing for the risks associated with flooding;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim February 25 through March 2 2024 as

## **WISCONSIN FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK**

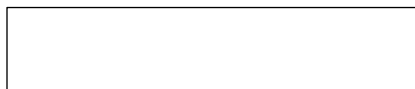
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

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 19th day of January 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State