

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; all Wisconsinites are involved in the production and consumption of goods and services, and safe, trustworthy, and fair commercial activity is essential to the continued growth and improvement of the state's economy and overall well-being; and

WHEREAS; the mission of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is to partner with the people of Wisconsin to grow the economy by promoting healthy plants and animals, quality food, sustainable use of land and water resources, and a fair marketplace; and

WHEREAS; as Wisconsin's primary consumer protection agency, DATCP is tasked with regulating unfair and deceptive business practices, mediating and investigating consumer complaints, and providing information, resources, and assistance to Wisconsinites facing a variety of complex consumer issues; and

WHEREAS; each year, DATCP's Bureau of Consumer Protection responds to tens of thousands of consumer complaints and inquiries, returns millions of dollars to wronged consumers, and provides free, informative presentations to individuals, organizations, and businesses across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; in 2024, concerns reported to DATCP's Bureau of Consumer Protection surrounding landlord-tenant relations, telemarketing, home improvement, identity theft, and telecommunications regulations accounted for more than half of all filed consumer complaints; and

WHEREAS; free services and resources offered to the public by DATCP's Bureau of Consumer Protection include the Consumer Protection Hotline, which assists individuals and businesses with common consumer issues, the Wisconsin Do Not Call Registry, which reduces unwanted telephone and text solicitations, the Landlord Tenant Guide, which provides information on the rights and responsibilities of housing providers and renters, and the Consumer Guide, which acts as a trusted source of information on consumer issues and scams that Wisconsin residents face every day; and

WHEREAS; in 2025, DATCP's Bureau of Consumer Protection will host the third Working Together to Protect Wisconsin Consumers conference, bringing numerous Wisconsin organizations together to discuss consumer protection-related issues and efforts on state and national levels to help reach and protect vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS; DATCP's Bureau of Consumer Protection is an official partner of the Federal Trade Commission's National Consumer Protection Week campaign; and


WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins DATCP, in partnership with other state agencies, in educating the public about everyday consumer issues and encouraging individuals and businesses across the state to know their consumer rights, avoid frauds and scams, and become aware of the resources made freely available to them by DATCP's Bureau of Consumer Protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 2 – 8, 2025, as

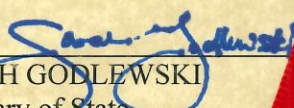
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throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance
state's residents.

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 3rd day
of March 2025.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State

