

WHEREAS; flooding is one of the most frequently occurring natural disasters in the state of Wisconsin and across the United States, claiming 145 lives in 2024, according to the National Weather Service (NWS); and

WHEREAS; last August, severe storms and record rainfall amounts caused flooding, structural damage, evacuations, and power outages throughout Wisconsin, and according to the Wisconsin Policy Forum, current projections show a substantially increased likelihood of days with heavy rains over the next 20 years throughout most of the state, underscoring the importance of learning how to mitigate, prevent, and respond to flooding; and

WHEREAS; according to the NWS, as little as a foot of rushing water can sweep a vehicle off the road, and Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) estimates that 81 percent of flooding fatalities in Wisconsin occur when people enter flooded areas; and

WHEREAS; it is essential that Wisconsinites avoid flooded areas when possible, evaluate the risk of flooding in their communities, and take appropriate preparedness and mitigation actions before an emergency, and WEM's ReadyWisconsin campaign provides critically important information and offers communities across the state the tools they need to be prepared before, during, and after flooding events; and

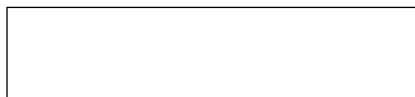
WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins WEM and the NWS in working to raise public awareness of the importance of planning and preparing for the risks associated with flooding;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 9 through 13 2026 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 26th day of February 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State