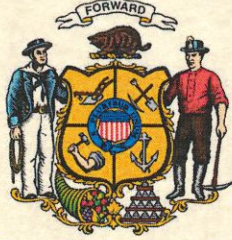


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*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 Ready Wisconsin 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 – 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 6th day of  
February 2026.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State