

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; severe thunderstorms can produce tornadoes, strong winds, large hail, flash flooding, and dangerous lightning, all of which can threaten the safety and property of all Wisconsinites and critical state infrastructure; and

*WHEREAS*; according to Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) and the National Weather Service, the state had 39 confirmed tornadoes in 2025; and

*WHEREAS*; the state also saw sharp swings in temperature and precipitation in 2025, including historic rainfall in August, which set a new 24-hour rainfall record for the state and caused significant damage to homes, buildings, infrastructure, and natural areas; and

*WHEREAS*; Wireless Emergency Alerts, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radios, and local news outlets are effective means of receiving timely warning information during severe weather; and

*WHEREAS*; collaboration between local authorities, emergency responders, and Wisconsinites can mitigate the impact of severe weather events and speed recovery efforts; and

*WHEREAS*; on Thursday, April 16, 2026, Wisconsin residents are encouraged to participate in statewide tornado drills at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., during which they can practice going to their tornado shelter locations and discuss preparedness with their families; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsinites are encouraged to have multiple ways to stay informed and create emergency plans to become more resilient and reduce the risks and costs of severe weather events; and

*WHEREAS*; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins WEM, along with its ReadyWisconsin campaign and Wisconsin's National Weather Service offices, in spreading awareness of the dangers of tornadoes and other severe weather hazards, as well as encouraging Wisconsinites to take the necessary actions to keep themselves and their families safe;

NOW, *THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 13 – 17, 2026, as

## SEVERE WEATHER 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 30th day of March 2026.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State