

WHEREAS; each year, Wisconsin faces catastrophic weather events such as tornadoes, hail, flooding, and other natural disasters, all of which can cause serious damage or destruction of individuals’ private property and homes; and

WHEREAS; following disasters, homeowners are vulnerable to predatory practices from contractors fraudulently inflating repair or rebuilding costs, and raising public awareness of the various types of contractor fraud schemes is essential to educate homeowners on how to identify and avoid these harmful schemes; and

WHEREAS; predatory practices by unscrupulous contractors ultimately increase costs for consumers by driving up insurance premiums and forcing insurers to reevaluate risk; and

WHEREAS; it is recommended for Wisconsinites to get multiple written estimates, review contractor credentials, ensure there is a written contract and keep copies, and work collaboratively with insurers during the entirety of the rebuilding process when hiring a contractor; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins national, state, and local partners, including law enforcement, first responders, and state officials, in encouraging all Wisconsinites to become familiar with contractor fraud tactics and to understand their rights as a consumer under Wisconsin Home Improvement regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 18 through 22 2026 as

CONTRACTOR FRAUD 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 8th day of May 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State