

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; boating is a popular recreational activity enjoyed by millions of Americans, including many Wisconsinites who use boating as an opportunity to explore and appreciate the state's bountiful lakes, rivers, streams, and other waterways; and

*WHEREAS*; it is essential that all boaters adhere to safe boating practices and procedures, which include carrying lifesaving emergency distress and communications equipment, wearing life jackets, attending safe boating courses, participating in free boat safety checks, and staying sober when navigating; and

*WHEREAS*; according to the National Safe Boating Council, approximately 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States, with roughly 80 percent of these fatalities caused by drowning; and

*WHEREAS*; the vast majority of boating accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors, underscoring the importance of practicing boat safety; and

*WHEREAS*; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the National Safe Boating Council and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary in encouraging all Wisconsinites to familiarize themselves with lifesaving boat safety tips to ensure that all boaters can have a safe and fun experience on the water this summer and throughout the year;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 20 – 26, 2023, as

## **NATIONAL SAFE BOATING 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State