

WHEREAS; each year, Wisconsin faces catastrophic events such as tornados, hail, flooding, and other natural disasters, all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage or, even worse, total destruction to 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 in order to help educate consumers on how to identify and avoid such schemes; and

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

WHEREAS; the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) encourages Wisconsinites to get at least three written estimates, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process when hiring a contractor; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the NICB and its local and state partners, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, in encouraging all Wisconsinites to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during the third annual Contractor Fraud Awareness Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 22 through 26 2023 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 28th day of April 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State