

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin's rivers and waterways serve as gateways to outdoor adventure and present opportunities for cultural and economic development; and

*WHEREAS*; these rivers and waterways are some of the state's most valuable natural resources, serving as important habitats for wildlife while also providing tourism, recreation, and commercial opportunities for visitors and local residents alike; and

*WHEREAS*; throughout the year, millions of Wisconsinites and visitors explore and enjoy Wisconsin lakes, streams, and flowages, which may include close proximity to a dam, especially during the spring and summer seasons; and

*WHEREAS*; dams create renewable energy from rivers and waterways and manage the flow of water to enhance recreation and prevent flooding, but also present real safety concerns for those who access or use waters near the dams; and

*WHEREAS*; every year, people across the United States are killed or seriously injured by tragic accidents at or near dams, and most of these accidents could be prevented by staying away from restricted areas and learning about and respecting the dangers associated with dams; and

*WHEREAS*; individuals can practice personal safety around dams by knowing the risks, obeying warning and portage signs and staying away from restricted areas, respecting safety barriers, heeding horns or sirens, being alert to rapidly changing water conditions, practicing safe boating, wearing a personal flotation device, and exercising caution when swimming, wading, and walking near a dam; and

*WHEREAS*; dam owners also play an important role in managing and restoring their dams, as well as notifying the public of potential risks a dam structure and associated flow releases may create; and


*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in encouraging all Wisconsinites to practice dam safety when utilizing the state's rivers and waterways;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 31, 2024, as


## WISCONSIN DAM SAFETY AWARENESS DAY

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 24th day of  
May 2024.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State