

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; heat waves during the summer months pose one of the biggest weather-related threats to folks across Wisconsin, especially in recent decades; and

*WHEREAS*; extreme heat disproportionately affects the state's most vulnerable populations, including kids, older adults, people of color, individuals experiencing homelessness, low-income individuals, and those with heart and respiratory diseases; and

*WHEREAS*; summer heat waves have caused thousands of heat-related injuries in Wisconsin over the past five years, and there was a preliminary total of 14 heat-related deaths reported in Wisconsin in 2022; and

*WHEREAS*; it is important that people learn to recognize the signs of heat-related illnesses, such as heat stroke and heat exhaustion, and know when to take action to protect themselves and others; and

*WHEREAS*; individuals who work in outdoor settings and see repeated heat exposure are encouraged to take necessary precautions, including drinking fluids, wearing appropriate attire, and taking frequent breaks; and

*WHEREAS*; it is also important that people understand the danger of leaving kids, disabled persons, older adults, or pets in parked vehicles when temperatures rise; and

*WHEREAS*; as the summer months get underway, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs' Division of Emergency Management and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, as well as the National Weather Service, in spreading awareness of the serious dangers of heat waves, and reminds all Wisconsinites to take preventative steps to protect against heat-related injury or death;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 7, 2023, as

## HEAT 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State