

WHEREAS; fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the increased presence of lithium-ion batteries in common household devices introduces a unique fire risk; and

WHEREAS; most of the electronics used in homes, including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys, are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which, if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and

WHEREAS; as increased rates of battery-related fires occur, individuals should follow safe battery protocols, including avoiding overcharging, curbing use of off-brand chargers that lack safety certifications, minimizing potential damage to batteries, and safely disposing of and recycling batteries after use; and

WHEREAS; the theme of this year’s Fire Prevention Week, “Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,” serves as a reminder to safely buy, charge, and recycle lithium-ion batteries; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin commends first responders across the state who are dedicated to reducing home fires, home fire injuries, and fire fatalities through prevention and protection education, and encourages all Wisconsinites to take steps to improve their fire safety practices, especially in their homes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 5 through 11 2025 as

FIRE PREVENTION 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 19th day of September 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State