STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

WHEREAS; severe winter weather and extreme cold can pose a serious threat to the health and safety of all Wisconsinites due to hazards that include overexertion, hypothermia,

frostbite, falls, traffic crashes, and carbon monoxide poisoning, all of which can result in

WHEREAS; winter storms and weather conditions can also result in significant damage to private property and public infrastructure, and creating an emergency plan and supply kit for both the home and vehicle can mitigate these winter weather risks; and;

WHEREAS; there were 94 cold-related deaths across Wisconsin last winter, as well as thousands of motor vehicle crashes attributed to winter road conditions, resulting in 15,130 crashes, 3,573 injuries, and 41 fatalities; and

WHEREAS; the work of snowplow operators to clear streets and highways, along with the National Weather Service and local meteorologists who keep Wisconsinites informed and prepared for extreme conditions, are essential to keeping residents safe and the economy operating throughout the winter months; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins Wisconsin Emergency Management's ReadyWisconsin campaign, the National Weather Service, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and other state and local agencies in reminding all Wisconsinites that education, planning, preparation, and taking reasonable precautions can help minimize the damaging or potentially fatal effects of winter weather;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 13 – 17, 2023, as

WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

bout 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 20th day of October 2023.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

injury or death; and

SARAH GODLEWSKI Secretary of State