

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 injury or death; and

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 45 cold-related deaths and more than 860 emergency department visits for cold-related illnesses across Wisconsin last winter, as well as thousands of motor vehicle crashes attributed to winter road conditions, resulting in 2,262 injuries and nine 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 ReadyWisconsin, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and other state and local agencies in their efforts to educate Wisconsinites about the dangers of extreme winter weather and encourage responsible planning and preparation to help minimize risks during the winter months;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim November 18 through 22 2024 as

WINTER WEATHER 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 25th day of October 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State