

WHEREAS; according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, an average of 37 people die in automobile crashes involving an alcohol-impaired motorist every day in the United States; and

WHEREAS; intoxicated driving or operating while intoxicated (OWI)—be it by alcohol, marijuana, over-the-counter or prescription medications, illicit drugs, or other substances—is a public health threat to communities across the state and can have devastating, life-altering consequences; and

WHEREAS; alcohol and drug-related driving fatalities are preventable, and reducing their prevalence on Wisconsin’s roads is essential to ensuring the health and safety of all Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin remains committed to expanding services to help Wisconsinites with substance use disorders and to providing educators, health departments, and public safety officials the resources they need to keep communities across the state safe; and

WHEREAS; 2019 Wisconsin Act 106 strengthens Wisconsin’s impaired driving laws to encourage safe driving habits and keep motorists of all ages in every corner of the state safe on the roads as they travel from point A to point B; and

WHEREAS; this month presents an opportunity for all Wisconsinites to recommit to making responsible driving decisions, to empower the healthy choices of those around them, and to encourage family and friends to do their part to keep roads safe this holiday season and throughout the new year;

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

IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

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 21st day of March 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State