

WHEREAS; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 40,000 Americans are killed in acts of gun violence, and thousands more are shot and wounded, every year; and

WHEREAS; the CDC also reports that every year, on average, around 600 Wisconsinites are killed in acts of gun violence; and

WHEREAS; according to the Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund, more Americans are killed with guns by early February of any given year than are killed in the United States' peer countries in an entire calendar year; and

WHEREAS; gun violence includes, but is not limited to, gun suicides, gun homicides, domestic violence involving a firearm, officer-involved shootings, and unintentional shootings, all of which have widespread implications for victims, survivors, and their communities; and

WHEREAS; a gun violence survivor is anyone who has experienced gun violence, whether through witnessing an act of gun violence, being personally threatened or wounded with a gun, or knowing someone who has been wounded or killed with a gun; and

WHEREAS; survey data from 2018 reports that 58 percent of American adults, including 68 percent of Black and Hispanic Americans, have either personally experienced or had a loved one experience gun violence in their lifetime, demonstrating the pervasive impact that gun violence has on communities across the country; and

WHEREAS; CDC data reports that firearms are the leading cause of death among children and teens in the United States, and tireless advocates throughout the country are working to end this tragic and senseless violence through commonsense gun safety legislation; and

WHEREAS; according to a 2019 poll from the Marquette University Law School, more than 80 percent of Wisconsinites, including a majority of gun owners in the state, support the implementation of commonsense measures like universal background checks and extreme risk protection orders to keep Wisconsin's kids and communities safe; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to reducing gun violence and pledges to do everything possible to implement commonsense gun safety measures that will not only save lives but honor the victims and uplift the resilient voices of gun violence survivors everywhere;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim February 1 through 7 2023 as

## **GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVORS 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State