

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), burn injuries continue to be one of the leading causes of accidental death and injury in the United States, with around 400,000 people receiving medical care for the treatment of burn injuries every year; and

WHEREAS; according to the United States Fire Administration, there were 53 fire-related fatalities in Wisconsin reported by the news media in 2022 alone; and

WHEREAS; most burn injuries occur inside the home, and the primary causes of injury include flames, hot liquids, contact with hot objects, electrical fires, and chemicals; and

WHEREAS; sponsored by the American Burn Association (ABA), National Burn Awareness Week is observed every year during the first full week in February; and

WHEREAS; the theme for this year's National Burn Awareness Week is "Hot Liquids Burn Like Fire!," which focuses on raising awareness of preventing scald injuries that may occur while cooking, bathing, or through other contact with hot liquids and steam; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the ABA and the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation, along with burn survivors and burn, fire, and life safety educators and researchers across the state, in spreading awareness of the frequency, devastation, and causes of burn injuries, effective preventative measures, and best practices for aftercare of those who are injured;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 5 – 11, 2023, as

NATIONAL BURN 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 30th day
of January 2023.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State