

WHEREAS; burn injuries continue to be one of the leading causes of accidental death and injury in the United States, with more than 450,000 people receiving medical care for the treatment of burn injuries every year; and

WHEREAS; according to the United States Fire Administration, there were 40 fire-related fatalities in Wisconsin reported by the news media in 2021 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 "Burning Issues in the Kitchen," which focuses on cooking safety and the importance of keeping cooking areas clean, monitoring appliances, staying alert while cooking, and preventing splatter burns, among other concerns; 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 our 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 6 through 12, 2022, as

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 21st day of January 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State