

WHEREAS; communities across Wisconsin have experienced significant flooding in recent years, which has negatively impacted homeowners, businesses, renters, and entire communities; and

WHEREAS; according to the Climate Change 2021 report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, at the projected 1.5°C of global warming, heavy precipitation and associated flooding events will intensify and become more frequent in most regions in the coming years and decades; and

WHEREAS; the Governor's Task Force on Climate Change has also identified flooding as a serious economic threat in our state, with extreme precipitation causing hundreds of millions of dollars of damage in Wisconsin communities over the past decade; and

WHEREAS; as little as one inch of water in a home or business can cause approximately \$25,000 of damage, representing an insurmountable cost for many homeowners, renters, and small business owners; and

WHEREAS; flood-proofing your finances is an important way to protect yourself and your family from the potential costs of flooding; and

WHEREAS; flood insurance is available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program in participating communities throughout Wisconsin, and lower cost flood insurance is also available to property owners in low-to-moderate flood risk areas; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin recognizes that homeowners, renters, and business owners can benefit from considering flood insurance coverage—especially as climate change contributes to an increased risk of flooding—and joins the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance in encouraging folks across our state to assess their risk for flood damage and take the necessary steps to keep their homes and businesses protected;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 6 through 12, 2022, as

FLOOD INSURANCE 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 28th day of January 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State