

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*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 – 12, 2022, as

## **BURN AWARENESS WEEK**

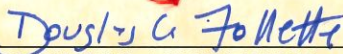
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



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 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
January 2021.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State