

WHEREAS; communities across Wisconsin have experienced significant flooding in recent years, which has led to homeowners, businesses, renters, and entire communities losing their homes and livelihoods; and

WHEREAS; analysis from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration placed the year 2020 in a tie with 2016 for the hottest year on record, highlighting the continued impact of climate change on our lives; and

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

WHEREAS; as little as one inch of water in a home or business can cause approximately \$25,000 of damage, which represents an insurmountable cost for many homeowners or small business owners; 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 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 7 through 13, 2021, 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 3rd day of February 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State