WHEREAS the safety of farm and agricultural workers is of utmost importance to Wisconsinites and our families; and

WHEREAS grain production, handling, and transportation is a significant industry in our state, but it can be dangerous work, as it takes only seconds to be completely engulfed in flowing grain or overcome by oxygen-deficient atmospheres; and

WHEREAS in 2018, there were 30 documented grain entrapment cases across the United States, resulting in 15 deaths; and

WHEREAS Grain Bin Safety Week is an annual observance that occurs during the third full week of February to promote grain bin safety on farms and commercial grain-handling facilities; and

WHEREAS Grain Bin Safety Week is a collaborative effort by industry leaders and agricultural professionals working together to raise awareness, including Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, Wisconsin Insurance Alliance, Nationwide Financial, Wisconsin Corn Growers Association, Cooperative Network, Wisconsin Farmers Union, Wisconsin Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, Wisconsin Soybean Association, and National Education Center for Agricultural Safety; and

WHEREAS this Grain Bin Safety Week, the State of Wisconsin joins grain operators, farmers, and employees in promoting education and awareness about the hazards and safe work practices to help reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths associated with grain handling and storage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim February 16 – 22, 2020, as

GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin. I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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 2020.

TONY EVERSGOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS A. FOLLETTE
Secretary of State