

WHEREAS; the safety of farm and agricultural workers throughout Wisconsin is of the utmost importance to the state; and

WHEREAS; grain production, handling, and transportation is a significant industry in Wisconsin and across the United States, but it can be dangerous work, as it takes only seconds to be completely engulfed in flowing grain or overcome by oxygen-deficient environments that can result in suffocation and even death; and

WHEREAS; according to research conducted by Purdue University, over the past 50 years, more than 2,400 cases of grain engulfment have been reported in the United States, with a fatality rate of 59 percent, underscoring the importance of increased training and public awareness to help prevent situations where engulfment might occur and reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS; observed annually during the third full week in February, Grain Bin Safety Week provides an opportunity to promote grain bin safety on farms and in commercial grain-handling facilities; and

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

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the state's grain operators, farmers, and all agricultural workers in promoting education and awareness of safe work practices and the hazards associated with grain handling and storage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 19 through 25 2023 as

GRAIN BIN SAFETY 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 30th day of January 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State