

WHEREAS; flooding is one of the most frequently occurring natural disasters across Wisconsin and the United States, claiming the lives of 145 Americans in 2021 alone; and

WHEREAS; in recent years, flooding in our state has affected a greater number of counties and increased damage costs to public and private property, underscoring the importance of learning how to mitigate, prevent, and respond to it; and

WHEREAS; it only takes six inches of fast-moving flood water to carry away an adult and 12 inches of rushing water to sweep a vehicle off the road, and more than half of flood fatalities are vehicle-related; and

WHEREAS; it is essential for folks across our state to evaluate the risk of flooding in their communities and to develop an emergency plan with their household or at their business in the event they must evacuate; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin endorses Wisconsin Emergency Management's ReadyWisconsin campaign, which provides people and communities throughout our state with the tools they need to be prepared in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS; we reaffirm our state's commitment to working with and supporting local homeowners, businesses, and communities in the ongoing fight to address flooding through a comprehensive action plan that makes smart investments into flood prevention and recovery measures; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins Wisconsin Emergency Management and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in working to raise public awareness of the importance of planning and preparing for the risks associated with flooding;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim February 28 through March 4, 2022, as

## **FLOOD SAFETY 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State