## STATE of WISCONSIN



Proclamation

WHEREAS; flooding is one of the most frequently occurring natural disasters across Wisconsin, claiming the life of one Wisconsinite in 2020 and 10 over the past five years; and

WHEREAS; flooding results in millions of dollars in damage to public and private property each year, underscoring the importance of people learning how to mitigate, prevent, and respond to it; and

WHEREAS; it only takes six inches of fast-moving water to carry away an adult and 12 inches of fast-moving water to sweep a vehicle off the road; and

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

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin endorses Wisconsin Emergency Management's Ready Wisconsin 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 the 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 about 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 March 15 – 19, 2021, as

## FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

ughout 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

e Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State