WHEREAS; tornadoes can cause significant devastation to public and private property, and have the potential to present immense risk to the safety of everyone in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; severe thunderstorms can produce powerful wind gusts, large hail, flood-producing heavy rains, and dangerous lightning, which can also pose a threat to the safety and property of Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; with 41 confirmed tornadoes in 2021, including one EF3 tornado and an outbreak of 10 tornadoes in mid-December, Wisconsin experienced one of its worst years for tornadoes in recent history, and saw significant damage to homes, buildings, and natural areas; and

WHEREAS; tornadoes, severe storms, flooding, and strong winds have caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damage to homes, businesses, and local government infrastructure in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; on Thursday, April 7, 2022, Wisconsin residents are participating in a statewide tornado drill at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., during which they are encouraged to practice going to their tornado shelter locations and discuss emergency preparedness with their families; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins Wisconsin Emergency Management and its ReadyWisconsin campaign in spreading awareness of the dangers of tornadoes and other severe weather hazards, as well as the actions which all Wisconsinites can take to keep themselves and their families safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 4-8, 2022, as

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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 4th day of March 2022.

TONY EVRER, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State