

STATE of WISCONSIN



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Proclamation

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's rivers and waterways serve as gateways to outdoor adventure and present opportunities for cultural and economic development; and

WHEREAS; these rivers and waterways are some of the state's most valuable natural resources, serving as important habitats for wildlife while also providing tourism, recreation, and commercial opportunities for visitors and local residents alike; and

WHEREAS; throughout the year, and especially during the spring and summer recreation seasons, millions of people explore and enjoy the state's lakes, streams, and flowages, including many in proximity to dams; and

WHEREAS; dams harness renewable energy from rivers and waterways and manage the flow of water, but they might also present real safety concerns for those who access or use nearby waters; and

WHEREAS; every year, people across the United States are killed or seriously injured by tragic accidents at or near dams, and most of these accidents could be prevented by learning about and respecting the dangers associated with dams; and

WHEREAS; individuals can practice personal safety around dams by knowing the risks, obeying warning and portage signs and staying away from restricted areas, respecting safety barriers, heeding horns or sirens, being alert to rapidly changing water conditions, practicing safe boating, wearing a personal flotation device, and exercising caution when swimming, wading, and walking near a dam; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in encouraging all Wisconsinites to practice dam safety when utilizing the state's rivers and waterways;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 6, 2023, as

WISCONSIN DAM SAFETY AWARENESS DAY

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 28th day of April 2023.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State